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## SHOOT'S Nationwide The NORTH

*The start of a special five week series in which we conduct a regional survey to see where the honours could go next season.*

**I**n season 1980-81, the Northern clubs will be attempting to turn into reality those dreams of Cups and trophies which have been nourished during the summer, and this is a good time to speculate on whether or not the teams in the top half of the country are liable to achieve success this term.

Commencing with the team geographically at the top in the North-East, Newcastle United, there is evidence that The Magpies are still trying to recover from their abortive promotion attempt which left them well out of contention for a leading place in May. Their failure was made all the more bitter by the fact that they had topped the table at Christmas.

And United's tough-talking manager, Bill McGarry, has made it clear that there is plenty of work to be done in order to get his team in shape for another promotion push.

He says: "We've got to be realistic. I must be allowed to spend cash and get the players I want. We must bring in new faces despite the cost, and when I say we'll be in a mess if we don't get three players, I don't necessarily mean I only want three."

"They are a minimum requirement. But my first priority must be a centre-forward. I must get a quality player up front to give us the impetus we need for the new season."

The transfer of centre-forward Peter Withe to Aston Villa for £500,000 has given McGarry cash to spend, but the Newcastle boss will need a lot more than that to sign a striker, centre-back and goalkeeper.

In midfield, too, McGarry will probably feel he needs additional strength. If his proposed spending spree brings him in three or four players who can be welded together successfully, Newcastle fans may well believe they can follow Sunderland into the First Division.

Over at Roker Park, Sunderland manager Ken Knighton, and his assistant, Frank Clark, are thinking in terms of their team qualifying for Europe next season, and not merely consolidating their place in Division One.

Clark says: "I believe that without adding even one more

player, we will be capable of holding our own. But I assure you that survival in the First Division is the one target we won't be setting. Our ambitions stretch much further, and there wouldn't be any point in going up if we aimed our sights lower.

"Ken and myself are always on the look-out to make improvements, and if necessary I wouldn't rule out Sunderland making a splash in the transfer market — it is always a possibility."

On the night that Sunderland defeated West Ham to gain

promotion in their final game, there were 47,000 spectators inside Roker Park, with thousands locked out. And with support like this, it is understandable that morale is high among the players.

Says skipper Steve Whitworth: "I don't believe we have a genuine weak link. There are players here who will look even better in the top flight."

In some quarters, doubts are expressed about the quality of Sunderland's midfield — and only time will tell.

Middlesbrough, the third in the North-East's "Big Three" trio, have less glamour than Sunderland or Newcastle United, and no matter how well they are playing can never draw the bumper crowds.

The Ayresome club, after winning the Second Division title in 1974 with a record number of points under manager Jack Charlton, were tipped to do well in Division One, yet are still waiting to win a major trophy. The lack of success throughout Boro's history has caused a cynical feeling among Teesside fans, but veteran right-back John Craggs sees better times ahead.

He says: "I was in the promotion side in the Seventies, which included outstanding players of the calibre of Stuart Boam, Willie Maddren, Bobby Murdoch and John Hickton. But when we went into the First Division, our playing style was criticised as dull."

"Now, our manager, John Neal, has us attacking more. We've good youngsters in the side, such as

Mark Proctor, Dave Hodgson, Graeme Hedley and Craig Johnston, and we are developing into the best team that Middlesbrough has had since 1974."

There are no new signings evident at present at Ayresome Park, so manager Neal will be making his bid for honours with the present squad — but if his young players justify their promise, Middlesbrough could improve on their position of tenth in the League last season.

Jack Charlton now has the task of consolidating Sheffield Wednesday's position in Division Two after promotion last season, while steel City neighbours United will aim to make a swift return to the top half of the League. Both should succeed.

Problems abound for Charlton's former club Leeds. Manager Jimmy Adamson is under constant pressure and despite the arrival of Alex Sabella from Bramall Lane, it is hard to envisage United challenging for major honours.

Soccer in Yorkshire is not in a healthy state at the moment, and it is hard to see Rotherham, Hull, Barnsley or Doncaster attaining much in the new season. Further North, Hartlepool and Darlington also have a lot of work to do before they can expect much.

Perhaps Bradford City and Chesterfield, both so close to promotion last season, can continue the good work and attain what little success there could be for soccer in this area next season.

## MAN. UNITED — likely lads for the title



Manchester United (dark shirts) now have the team to challenge Liverpool for the League title.



# SUNDERLAND'S EUROPEAN PLAN

Moving from the North-East to the North-West, the giants of Merseyside, Liverpool and Everton, approach August in different frames of mind. The Anfield men are League Champions, while at Goodison, problems abound.

The Everton side which fought desperately against relegation last season, and lost their F.A. Cup Semi-Final against West Ham, seems to be in the process of breaking up, with Brian Kidd already gone and other departures imminent.

The Goodison boss, Gordon Lee, faces constant pressure from successful rivals Liverpool, and his own future has been the subject of speculation on Merseyside in past months.

Lee did come close to success in his first two full seasons with Everton, but tradition at Goodison demands more than that.

Never a man to respect reputations, Gordon and some of his senior players have failed to see eye to eye in the past 12 months.



Steve Whitworth and Kevin Arnott (above) aim to help Sunderland into Europe. Newcastle United will need all the experience of Stuart Boam (left) to push them back towards the First Division.

Now he faces the task of assembling a side capable of challenging Liverpool's supremacy — anything less will not be enough to satisfy supporters long irked by the non-stop trophy-collecting over the road at Anfield.

But if Everton are frustrated at failure, Liverpool are certainly not smug after their years at the top. The squad of players available to Anfield boss Bob Paisley is enough to make most managers green with envy, but Bob himself is shrewd enough to buy before any signs of staleness or rot are apparent.

Competition for a place in the Liverpool line-up is fierce. Last season, left-back Alan Kennedy said: "The thought of being injured worries me to death — because once out of this team, it's difficult to get back in."

Which is why, under this sort of incentive, Liverpool in 1980-81 will again be shaping up to lift a trophy or two. In fact, the surprise will be if the Anfield club fails completely in the quest for League and Cup glory in the coming months.

In the soccer-mad city of Manchester, it was the fans of United who had the most to cheer about when their team finished second to Liverpool. And it is United's English international midfielder man, Steve Coppell, who sums up his team's re-emergence as a power in the First Division.

Says Steve: "We've been chasing consistency for a long time and appear to have found it. I predicted that we would give Liverpool a run for their money last season, and we are out to do the same again."

United certainly look the most likely side to break Liverpool's grip on the title.

The situation at Maine Road is more muddled. Manchester City finished last season sixth from bottom, and their relationship with Manchester United bears resemblance to that of Everton with Liverpool — United always seem to catch the limelight.

The City manager, Malcolm Allison, not afraid to spend money, is in charge of a young team that he is trying to build up into a winning combination. Meanwhile, City, and their boss, are under tremendous pressure of the sort that can only be eased if the side shows signs of improvement.

In football, it's generally admitted that a two-year period is fair enough, and long enough, to allot to a newly-assembled team to prove itself — or show definite promise. And if Manchester City fail to do this at the end of next season, both the players and manager Allison will be in deep trouble.

At Second Division Oldham, the Athletic manager Jimmy Frizzell, thinks the early 1980's is an excellent time for his club to aim at Division One.

## Target

Also participating in Division Two in the coming season will be newly-promoted Blackburn Rovers, whose rise from the Third Division is a step towards the ultimate target of top-class football for Ewood Park boss Howard Kendall.

He says: "The First Division is where I want my club to be, and promotion to the Second means we need only a couple of players to pad out the squad in order to compete successfully in the top flight."

Some may feel that the likeable Kendall has set his sights too high with his ambition to take Rovers into the First Division — but any traditionalist at Blackburn will tell you that that's where the club belongs.

A few miles away from Blackburn, former England hero Nobby Stiles guided Preston into tenth place in the Second Division last season — and North End are the type of middle-of-the-road team that could occupy exactly the same spot at the end of next season.

Two other clubs from the North West, Blackpool and Carlisle, are joined in the Third Division by a club that made a sad plunge from Division Two last season — Burnley.

All three teams face an uncertain future — even Blackpool under the guidance of new manager Alan Ball. Carlisle boss Martin Harvey faces unrest at Brunton Park as several first team players threaten to move on, and Burnley have to adjust to a different class of football.

Of the Northern clubs in 1980-81, once again Liverpool and Manchester United stand out as the two most likely to figure among the honours. For the rest, a question mark sums up their prospects.





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I'M WRITING this week's column earlier than usual, because as you read this I'll be sunning myself in Barbados, taking it easy after the most demanding season of my career.

In my last article, I promised to talk in more detail about our failure in the European Championship; although the tournament finished three weeks ago I know from your letters that it is still very much in your minds.

I stayed on for a few days after England had been knocked out and watched West Germany beat Belgium to take the trophy. There is no doubt that the best team won the competition, although I still believe that had England played to their full potential we could have won the

doesn't win.

The Press were right to be critical of us; not necessarily for not winning the Championship, but we should have reached the Final, at least.

England have played so well this year. We destroyed Spain, showed World Champions Argentina a thing or two and silenced Hampden Park, which is no easy feat.

When it really mattered we didn't



ABOVE: "Playing against the Italians was never going to be a garden party, as Garry Birtles discovered."

Championship.

On the other hand, I have tremendous admiration for the Germans. They played well in only two games — against Holland and Belgium — yet deservedly were crowned Champions.

There must be a moral there somewhere. West Germany are always in the frame, to use a racing expression, and their record since 1966 is amazing. They were runners-up to England in the World Cup then, of course; third in 1970, European Champions in 1972; World Champions in 1974; European runners-up in 1976 and European Champions again now. Throw in the Euro Cup successes of Bayern Munich, Hamburger SV and Borussia Mönchengladbach... and you have a record that is the envy of Europe.

The Germans don't necessarily play well, either, but they still get through. Certainly against Belgium we saw the best of their football and if the Champions set the style for others to copy, we could do a lot worse than look very closely at the way Germany play.

I still can't explain fully why England failed. Against Italy, for example, we had them under pressure for 80 minutes, yet still lost 1-0. There must be something wrong if a team dominates yet





produce the goods, though, and while we didn't play badly, we never reached the standard we'd set ourselves.

When the referee blew the final whistle after the Italy game I was all in. I've had a few setbacks in my career and know the feeling of relegation. But nothing could compare with how I felt as I left the pitch in Turin. I was deflated . . . numb . . . speechless.

The dressing-room was like a morgue. No one wanted to speak and no one wanted to listen to anyone. We were all in a silent world of our own, saying nothing and thinking everything. You have to have suffered a major blow to know what it feels like.

As I left the 'morgue' I was

approached by a television reporter who apparently had three minutes left of his live time on the satellite. I felt it was my duty to talk to the fans back home through him, but all he wanted to ask me about was the referee, not the football.

It wasn't that we weren't good enough against Belgium and Italy. We didn't have much on our side. I can still remember the linesman running back after Tony Woodcock had 'scored' against Belgium.

I don't blame the Belgians for pointing out to the referee that the linesman had previously half-flagged Kenny Sansom offside, sort of raising his flag and putting it down quickly. The ref disallowed the goal, which I still maintain was perfectly good. He gave that lines-

man a right ticking off, I can tell you. If a linesman raises his flag it should stay raised.

Belgium were a disappointment. If a team reaches a Final it must believe in itself and have a go, Belgium were content to play for a draw and hope for a break.

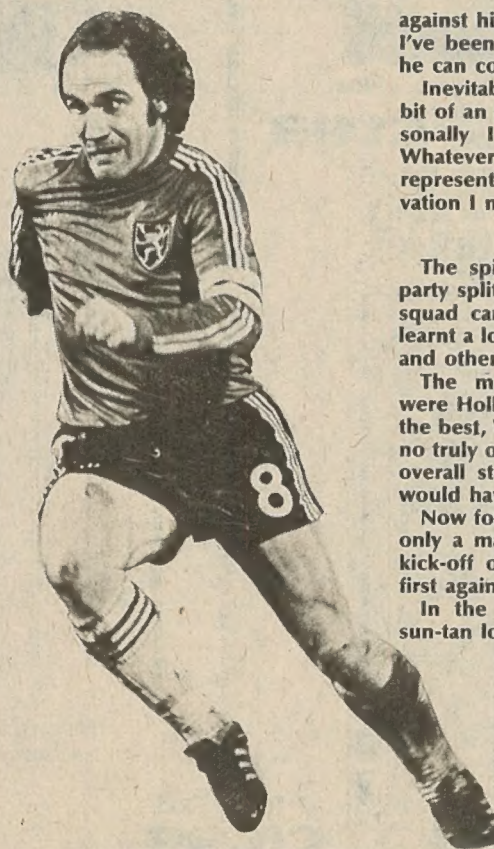
I realise the importance of an opening match, which if you lose usually means you're out of the tournament. But Belgium overdid the caution and were delighted with their 1-1 draw against us. For me, their best player by a mile was the old man — 35-year-old Wilfred Van Moer, who must have one of the best football brains in the world. Time after time the little feller began attacks with shrewdly-placed passes and despite his advancing

years never flagged. I swapped shirts with him after the opening game.

The Italy game was also a disappointment inasmuch that they have so much talent, were playing at home, yet still hardly came forward. The match wasn't over-tough; let's face it, when you play Italy in Turin it's never going to be a garden party. The Italians tight-mark so well that the game will always be physical. I get the impression with the Italian markers that if their opponent leaves the field for treatment they'd feel happier going with him.

The atmosphere was electric — give me that any day instead of a half-empty stadium. For me, their best player was midfield general Giancarlo Antognoni — I've played

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against him two or three times and I've been impressed with the way he can control a game.

Inevitably the Spain match was a bit of an anti-climax, although personally I couldn't wait to play. Whatever the circumstances, simply representing England is all the motivation I need.

## Learnt

The spirit was still good as the party split up. I'm sure the present squad can get better and and we learnt a lot in Italy, about ourselves and others.

The most disappointing teams were Holland, Italy and England — the best, West Germany. There was no truly outstanding player and the overall standard was not what we would have hoped for.

Now for the 1982 World Cup. It's only a matter of weeks before we kick-off our qualifying games, the first against Norway in September.

In the meantime, pass me the sun-tan lotion . . .

LEFT: "West Germany were deservedly crowned Champions of Europe."

ABOVE: "Wilfred Van Moer was easily the best Belgian player on show in Italy."

*Ray Winstanley*



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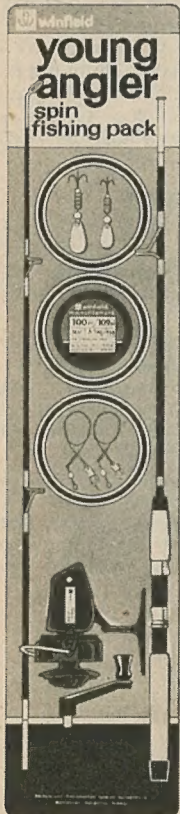


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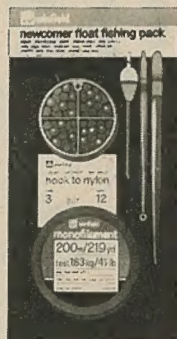
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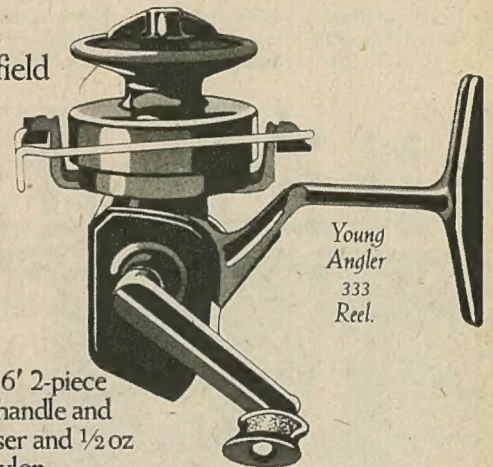
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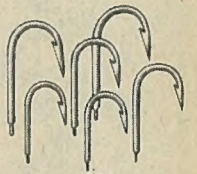
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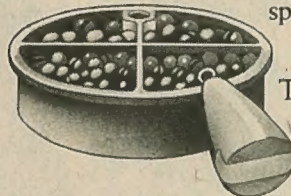
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# STAPLETON

Arsenal's recent acquisition of young sharpshooter Clive Allen from Q.P.R. for £1.4 million created transfer history. The lad who scored 28 League goals last season became the first seven-figure teenager. Some people may doubt the wisdom of paying so much for one so young, but one thing that cannot be denied is the goalscoring prospects of the Arsenal forward line for the new season. Frank Stapleton, the Republic of Ireland international, cost nothing when signed on at Highbury as an apprentice. Alan Sunderland cost a fee which can be considered peanuts in comparison with Allen's when he moved from Wolves. But combined, Sunderland, Allen and Stapleton could prove to be as lethal as the British Army's SAS strike force.

## ARSENAL'S STRIKE FORCE



# SHOOT view!

IT came as no surprise to anyone who observes the cut and thrust of international football at close hand that Ron Greenwood should be made the main scapegoat for England's failure to win the European Championship.

If managers are winning, they are wonderful. If their teams lose, they are villains.

At the time of writing the England manager has been sat in the stocks and is having to duck rotten tomatoes.

Less than four months ago, Greenwood was Mr Wonderful. England had beaten Spain in Barcelona and the newspapers, television and supporters were hailing the team as potential winners of the European Championship in Italy.

Typically, the England manager was more realistic about our chances. "The more they play together and keep together we have a fair chance of doing well in Italy," he remarked. He placed England's prospects no higher than that.

So, whilst the media built-up England as potential European Champions only to knock them down when they failed, Greenwood remained level-headed throughout.

How sad then that a man who has restored pride in England's national team in two years and ten months should have to endure heavy criticism of his Italian operation. Some even checked on his birthdate and suggested the time might be ripe for him to retire.

Perhaps the critics need reminding that Ron Greenwood is the most gifted England manager we have ever had.

English football was in dire straits when he took over in September, 1977. The team had not appeared in the Finals of a football tournament since the 1970 Mexico World Cup.

English supporters had been bored by stifling negative tactics which had brought acceptable results in 'friendlies' but had failed miserably in the more crucial fixtures.

What is more, the England team was gripped in a smog of depression. They were fed up with Don Revie's dossiers, fed-up with constant team changes, overwhelmed by tactics, and more worried about the opposition than their own performances. That was yesterday. Today, Greenwood has rejuvenated English football from the grass-roots to the top of the tree.

He has introduced England Under-21 and B teams; gathered round him some of the best managers in the country to run those teams; made no apologies for copying the tried and trusted managerial techniques of Bob Paisley at Liverpool and Brian Clough and Peter Taylor at Nottingham Forest; scrutinised our national coaching network; and has given more time than his predecessors to the junior-levels of football.

He is scrupulously honest, totally fair, compassionate, loyal, skilled and hard-working. The players have the greatest respect for him.

He said after Italy: "We came with great expectations and we leave disappointed. But it's a start. English football is on the way back."

Those who know anything about football would heartily agree.

ST MIRREN have received a financial incentive for their entry into Europe next season.

In the first sponsorship deal of its kind, McLean Homes Scotland Ltd., the Paisley-based house builders, have announced that they will back St. Mirren Football Club in the U.E.F.A. Cup on a round-by-round basis.

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## Mighty Sutton

THE physique of 18-year-old Gillingham goalkeeper Gary Sutton is attributable to hours of weight training.

He says: "At school I became interested in all aspects of body building. But since joining Gillingham I have not done any serious training in that sphere as excessive muscles seem to be more of a handicap than an asset in football."

## The Jones kid

FOLLOWING a famous father in football is an onerous task for a youngster. Few boys are capable of emulating the feats of their distinguished dads, but occasionally a lad follows the same footsteps.

Jeremy Charles, son of the former Welsh giant John Charles, has made the grade at Swansea, and West Brom's winger Peter Barnes has been a distinguished successor to his father, Ken, a popular member of Manchester City's team in the 1950's. And also Clive Allen, Arsenal's £1 million buy, has followed dad, Les.

Now comes Steve Jones (below), son of former Tottenham and Wales winger Cliff Jones (inset). Steve plays for Dagenham in the Isthmian League and enjoys his football just as much as his father did in an outstanding career.



# Has Souness jeopardised Scotland's future?



THE international future of Scotland's Graeme Souness is believed to be hanging in the balance.

Liverpool's talented general bowed out of the recent British Championship because of 'fatigue' after a demanding season.

But less than a week after their conclusion Souness was playing for Liverpool on an end of season tour overseas.

Scotland's manager Jock Stein is known to be unhappy about that. He and Souness are also believed to have had a "difference of opinion" during a training session shortly before Scotland's game against Wales, which Scotland won 1-0 — without Souness.

It remains to be seen whether he will figure in Big Jock's future plans.

## NEWS DESK

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AN Australian National League club is looking for an English striker. They are sounding out clubs over here for free transfer players.

Players interested should write to Jim Cook, 10 St Dominic's Drive, Brandon, Suffolk.

"I'm also looking for a midfield player," says Jim. "We want a couple of good class free transfer players, preferably single men."

## 'Greenwood's got it right'

ENGLAND'S chief coach Bill Taylor believes that the national team is being developed on the right lines despite their failure to win the European Championship.

"To reach the last eight in Italy is progress in itself," maintains Taylor. "Our defence played well and we had the best goalkeepers in the competition."

"But we still have problems with man to man marking when it is tight. The Italians do this well and we must learn to combat it. Then we must learn from the Germans how to utilise our defenders more in attack."

"Italy even had their sweeper raiding

on goal, but the masters are the Germans. Their back players like Manfred Kaltz and Briegel can play anywhere."

"We have been working on this with Phil Neal, Kenny Sansom and Viv Anderson, but there is more to do."

Taylor said England had not abandoned the use of wingers but circumstances had rendered it difficult for Ron Greenwood to use Laurie Cunningham and Peter Barnes in Italy.

"There is a shortage of wingers but we're on the lookout," says Taylor, who has coached England for the last 56 games.

THE arrival of Peter Withe at Aston Villa from Newcastle United is likely to give manager Ron Saunders a problem.

He now has a surplus of strikers and there could be a clearout at Villa Park. David Geddis, Brian Little, Gary Shaw and Terry Donovan are all hoping to line up alongside Withe in the Villa side.

It was only 12 months ago that he was prepared to release Brian Little to nearby Birmingham City, while Geddis has not settled down at Villa Park since his move from Ipswich Town.



# Come on United!

A tough start to the season for Middlesbrough was welcomed by assistant manager Harold Shepherdson.

The former England trainer greeted the opening match with Manchester United at Old Trafford with enthusiasm. "Tremendous. It means we will be thrown into the best atmosphere in the First Division from the word 'Go'."

Shepherdson went on, "United surprised many people last season with their remarkable consistency. They pushed Liverpool all the way for the Championship, and will be flat out for a major honour next season."

"The opening match will be a good test for us. We will see how far our youngsters have progressed. I believe they learnt a lot last season."

Arsenal could confirm that after an end-of-season 5-0 rout shattered European hopes.

THE capability and versatility to make and take scoring chances was a main feature of Linfield's victorious run last season. As they totalled 130 competitive goals, no fewer than six Bluemen, leading marksman McCurdy, fellow-strikers Feeney, Anderson, McKee, midfielder Johnny Jameson, and even skipper and central defender Peter Rafferty, one of Ireland's top set-piece specialists, finished with double-figure goal records.

## Herd's boss

QUEEN of the South will start the new season with their third manager in two years. George Herd, the former Sunderland and Clyde forward is the new man in charge. The two previous managers were ex-Motherwell forward Willie Hunter, and former Aberdeen star Billy Little. The Dumfries club have also signed Sunderland striker Joseph Roddy.

## Adamson under fire again

LEEDS United's manager Jimmy Adamson is under fire again from the club's supporters even before the start of the new season.

They are complaining about two summer signings which the Elland Road fans have not seen play.

Adamson has been back to his old club Burnley to recruit defender Tony Arins and midfield player Marshall Burke, who were both given free transfers at the end of last season.

Dozens of Leeds fans have written to the local papers complaining that players not good enough for a team relegated to the Third Division are hardly likely to make the grade in the First Division.

Adamson's reply is that he is well aware of the capabilities of both players. He is not paying a penny for them and stands to lose nothing if the move doesn't work out.



ALAN Buckley's first Football League signing for Walsall has run into trouble.

The young Walsall player-manager, snapped-up central defender Steve Baines from Bradford City, but neither club could agree upon a fee.

Bradford wanted between £70,000 and £80,000 while Walsall were only prepared to pay £30,000.

George Mulhall, Bradford's manager, said: "We are miles apart on our valuation of the player and now it will have to go to a tribunal to be sorted out."

## Briefly...

● Yet another Irish youngster is to join Terry Neill's "Shamrock Colony" at Highbury.

He is talented teenager Tony Murtagh, a fast-moving wing prospect and former Northern Ireland Schoolboy international starlet.

● Former Millwall goalkeeper Pat Cuff is happy to be back in his native North-East. Cuff, who went to The Den from Middlesbrough, had another 12 months of his contract to run at Millwall.

The 28-year-old Cuff says,

"I did not fancy the prospect of reserve team football with Millwall. Darlington are ambitious after their re-election scare and I am happy to figure in the plans of manager Billy Elliott."

● Darlington, who topped the re-election poll at the annual meeting of the Football League, are determined that they won't go cap in hand for the third successive season. Manager Billy Elliott is so confident he has vowed he will walk out if The Quakers finish in the bottom four.

● The new coach of Whitby Town had his share of Football League and non-League clubs as a player. Tony Lee played for Leicester

City, Bradford City, Darlington, South Shields, Scarborough, Stockton, Goole Town and Whitby.

● Guisborough Town, who blazed a Wembley trail in the FA Vase last season, have joined the Midland League. The Yorkshire club are thrilled over being accepted for a higher League. To reach the Midland League in seven years from scratch is excellent progress.

● Ex-Arsenal and Northern Ireland full-back Jimmy Magill, a one-time club and international colleague of current Gunners' supreme Terry Neill, is now boss of Danish Second Division outfit Frederikshavn.



RICARDO VILLA sweeps past England's Trevor Brooking... in a Belgium shirt.

Surely Tottenham's popular Argentinian international hasn't defected to Europe.

Relax fans, the player in focus is a carbon copy of Ricardo Villa. His name? Eric Gerets, who scored a goal against Spain, and was acclaimed by many as one of the best defenders in the European Championship.

## Justin Fashanu chopped

JUSTIN Fashanu, guesting with Australian National League side Adelaide City, is the victim of some cynical tackles by opposing defenders.

John Coyne the former Tranmere Rovers striker who had a spell with New York Cosmos and played alongside Pele recently moved from Brisbane City to APIA-Leichardt in Sydney for a five figure fee.

In their centenary games with England and Northern Ireland Australia who lost both in Sydney by 2-1 included many British players in their line-ups including: John Yzendoorn a Preston North End signing by Bobby Charlton, Ken Boden ex-Doncaster Rovers, Jim Muir ex-Dumbarton, Jimmy Rooney (capt) ex-Montrose and Gary Cole, an unknown Englishman.

Tony Dunne the former Fulham and Eire international is now playing with Green Gully Ajax in Melbourne.

Martin Chivers is also playing in Melbourne with Green Gully Ajax who are in the Victorian State League.

Bobby Robson the Ipswich manager wants John Yzendoorn to come to Portman Road at the end of the Australian season for extended trials.

VALE of Clyde, the oldest junior football club in Scotland, won their first Cup in 28 years when they beat St Roch's 2-1 in the Final of the Erskine Charities Cup.

## 'Show us your medal Mick'

IF anyone suggests Nottingham Forest are not worthy winners of the European Cup they are likely to receive an ear-bashing from the club's Scottish international defender Kenny Burns.

Burns, one of the heroes of Forest's 1-0 victory over Hamburg in the 1980 European Cup Final, says: "People have written us off as a team of rag bags so many times. I like to think we've stuffed it down their throats for the last time."

"We beat Ipswich 4-0 a couple of years ago, and afterwards Mick Mills described us as a team of nobodies. I'd like him now to show me his medals."

"I've worked damned hard along with all the other players at Forest to win all these trophies and I just hope we now get the recognition as a team that we deserve."

## SHOOT'S 'Most Exciting Player' competition

Winners of the competition supporting our recent "Most Exciting Player" poll were as follows:

Graham Robinson of Castle Bromwich wins first prize, a portable colour TV, while the five second prizes of portable radios go to Peter Best, South Woodchester; Paul Brown, Bridgnorth; Alistair Janusch, Windsor; P. Treadgold, Wokingham; Rae Whalen, Palnackie.

The following 50 runners-up each receive a football:

Christine Allison, Melton Constable.  
Graham Angell, Reading.  
Keith Baxley, Sutton Coldfield.  
Gary Brown, Swindon.  
Kevin Campbell, Kilmarnock.  
Timothy Chamberlain, Clacton-on-Sea.  
Michael Chapman, Peterborough.  
Noel Clarke, Dungannon.  
Andrew Cripps, Westbury on Trym.  
John Crofts, Penrith.  
Ciaran Curran, London SW19.  
Kenny Doyle, Wicklow.  
Mark Edwards, Rotherham.  
Derek Forrest, Whitburn.  
Colin Fraser, Whitburn.  
Matthew Goreham, Tivetshall.  
Simon Grimes, Wicklow.  
Derek Guard, Urmberleigh.

Stuart Hallam, Bicester.  
Jeffrey Heron, Newtownards.  
David Holmes, Bangor.  
Steven Hume, Harlow.  
Darran James, Burton-on-Trent.  
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Neil Lands, Westcliff-on-Sea.  
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# GORDON SMITH—

## SCOTLAND'S 'TREVOR BROOKING'

... that's how Brighton manager  
Alan Mullery describes his shock  
£400,000 buy from Rangers

**B**RIGHTON actually chased Gordon Smith for a full season after Mullery had been greatly impressed by the player's displays last July in a four-team tournament at Ibrox with Rangers, Brighton, Kilmarnock and West Ham competing.

Mullery made a tentative approach then, but was turned down by Ibrox boss John Greig. He made another offer during the season, but again he had no luck.

Recently, though, he decided to have another go and it was a case of third time lucky with the mammoth bid that makes Smith the fourth most expensive Scot to cross the border alongside Steve Archibald £800,000, Kenny Dalglish £440,000 and Ray Stewart £400,000.

"I had a look round the Brighton set-up before I gave the deal the go ahead," says Smith. "This is a great move for me and I'm looking

forward to life in the English First Division.

"Obviously it's a wrench leaving a club such as Rangers. I had some marvellous times there, but I hope to continue them with Brighton.

"I respect Mr Mullery and he has told me what he is looking for from me. I hope I can deliver the goods and live up to the fee that has been placed on me."

Smith's elegant style will certainly remind English fans of West Ham's Trevor Brooking.

He is a left sided player who ghosts around the midfield and Smith has the added quality of being able to score goals out of nothing.

In his first season with Rangers after his £65,000 transfer from Kilmarnock four seasons ago he netted 28 goals. Not bad going for a midfielder player!

Smith will pick up around

£20,000 as his part of the deal and he is now looking for a house in the Brighton area to set up a new life for his family.

"I was impressed by Brighton's handling of the deal," says Smith. "Everything was done out in the open. They are a fair club and they deserve success."

Smith burst on the soccer scene as a teenager with Kilmarnock as an outside left although the player admits he was never happy in the role.

## Talents

Scottish Under-23 caps followed and it was no surprise when he took his undoubted talents to Rangers where he won League, Scottish Cup and League Cup medals.

In his first season with Rangers he capped a memorable year with the winning goal in the League Cup Final against old rivals Celtic.

Full international honours have escaped Gordon Smith. Possibly now, while he is performing on a bigger platform, he will show that his glittering skills deserve to be paraded in the big-time arena.

"He is the most important signing I have ever made," says Mullery. "I'm sure he will fit in well at Brighton. He is a class player with a lot to offer."



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# 'McAdam makes history'

IT is supposed to be the close season, but someone forgot to tell football to sit down and take a rest.

League football gets under way again in Scotland on August 9, but quite frankly despite athletics, tennis and golf it is still the big ball game which is grabbing all the headlines.

Even after the British Championship, the European club Cup Finals and the European Championship, it was hard to get away from talking soccer in Scotland.

The main reason was the transfer of Colin McAdam from Partick Thistle to Rangers ... which was no ordinary deal.

It was the first signing under the newly introduced Freedom of Contract and as fate would have it, was the first case for Scotland's newly set-up arbitration tribunal.

## Decision

It was a vital affair for the future of the game, and so close season or not everyone wanted to watch the decision of the three man committee of Lord Wheatley, Scottish League president Tom Lauchlan and Players Union secretary Harry Lawrie very closely.

Their historic meeting took place in the Scottish League headquarters in Glasgow on June 26 and they came to the conclusion that Rangers would have to pay Thistle twice the £80,000 they had offered for McAdam.

Thistle had wanted nearer £400,000 for the 27-year-old striker — who is equally at home in the defence — and who managed 23 goals last season.

Chairman Miller Reid refused to be drawn into too many comments in view of the fact Thistle might well be making a return trip to the committee before long.

They still have several players waiting to re-sign under Freedom of Contract and if they move Thistle may have to consult the tribunal again.

However I do understand that chairman Miller Reid was not too

happy, and I do have sympathies with him.

Freedom of Contract is obviously a great innovation as far as professional football players are concerned, for it gives them the basic right which people in every other

walk of life have ... to choose your own employer.

But admittedly it does mean that big clubs get bigger while the smaller sides might struggle.

Yet after the initial rush which unfortunately for Partick Thistle included McAdam and Jim Melrose to Leicester City, I believe Freedom of Contract will even itself out and help the game.

Meanwhile the scenes of violence which ended our Scottish Cup Final victory over Rangers in May, have k.o.'d our traditional New Year meeting against the Ibrox club.

Previous violence has ensured that in the recent past the date was switched from New Year's Day itself to a day somewhere around the festive season.

But now the Scottish League have switched the date to February 21, which is surely a pretty unemotional date in anyone's calendar.

## Switched

It is sad that the best known club confrontation in the world has had to be switched, for they are as famous as any city derby in the world ... and especially at New Year.

But you can hardly blame the authorities for doing what they have done in view of the outrageous happenings at the Cup Final.

Glasgow is renowned for its drinking at New Year ... so a postponement by two months must help.

The Scottish F.A.'s decision to fine Celtic and Rangers £20,000 each confirms their resolve to stamp out this problem.

Yet there is one potential fiery clash between the Old Firm when we meet on the second last day of the season.

But then again, Celts will probably have the Championship sewn up by then! See you in two weeks ...

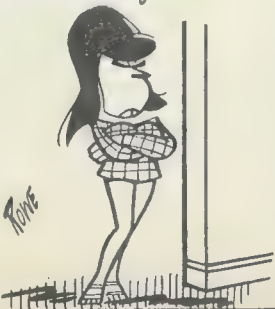


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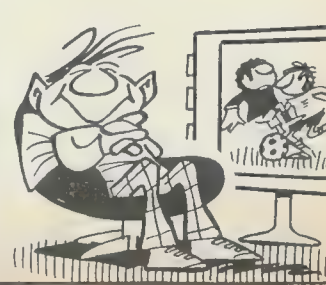
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# The toughest job in football

Player-manager... in theory, it can't be done — properly. In practice, it can, and there are men in the game who can prove it. But how do they combat the stresses and strains? What is their recipe for survival? A special SHOOT investigation takes a look at...

Graham Turner has helped Shrewsbury to a safe position in Division Two.

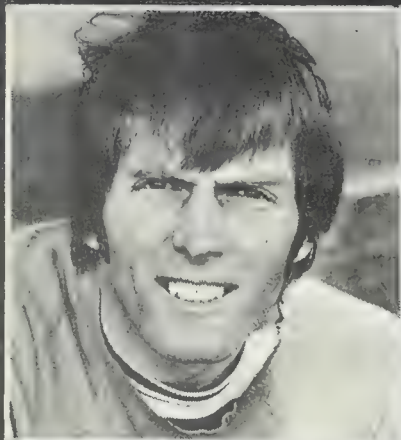


"**A**T Third Division level," says Chester's Alan Oakes, who had a distinguished career with Manchester City, "one is fighting financial problems all the time."

"In the First Division it wouldn't be necessary to employ a player-manager, but then he wouldn't have the time to do both jobs satisfactorily anyway."

"My secretary deals with all the paperwork and answers the telephone calls, and I have a part-timer, Chris Whitley, to run the eye over future opponents and players we are thinking of signing. It leaves me free to do all the coaching, which — along with playing — is what I enjoy."

Torquay's Mike Green is, at 33, still registered as a player, though



Chester boss Alan Oakes (left) is still going strong at 37.

his League appearances have been few and far between in the last two years.

"Combining both jobs is not easy," he confesses. "I have to cope with the office work, which doesn't allow me to watch my own players."

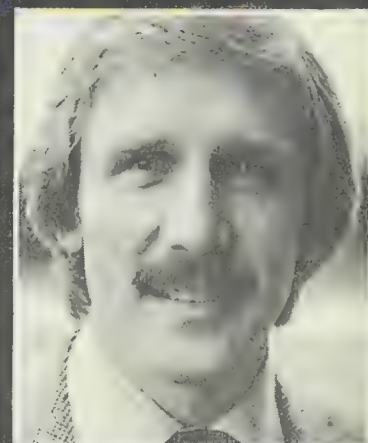
"Being in Torquay means an awful lot of travelling to check on opponents. In Manchester it's not so difficult. But the result is that for two years I've virtually gone without any socialising."

"The players wouldn't respect you as much," says Shrewsbury's Graham Turner, 32, "if I just trained for a couple of days and then played on Saturday."

"I must be seen to be doing everything the other players are expected to do; then when the other lads are off home, I start the other side of the job — sitting behind a desk. Of course it's more



Walsall's Alan Buckley (left) prefers goalscoring to management, but Mike Green (right) at Torquay is very rarely seen on the field these days.



difficult and tiring."

At 28, Alan Buckley of Walsall, a goalscorer with a track record which speaks for itself, is one of the youngest managers in the League. But he still regards himself as a player.

"Management is a bonus. Walsall paid £175,000 for me, but in a way they saved because they got a striker and a manager. I know that means I have to put more hours in, but I am prepared to do just that."

"But if at any time last season my chairman had asked me to give up either playing or managing, I would have had no hesitation in dropping managing. I've still got some years left as a player, and that's what I really enjoy."

After a year with Birmingham, Buckley returned to Fellows Park in June of last year, and up until now, as he explains, the going has been comparatively easy.



"I was lucky because we only lost five League games, and when you are winning, everything seems to go right."

"But the only way I managed to adjust so quickly was because of the help from Bert Johnson. Bert is in his 60's now and has a wealth of experience to call upon. In fact, I think he regards himself as still part of the playing staff!"

"I met up with Bert about ten years ago at Nottingham Forest, and now we form a partnership

like Clough and Taylor. That's the best way to work, because it helps to take a lot of the pressures off me."

Star names coming out of the upper echelons can create problems of a sort.

"When I first started at Blackburn," says their player-manager Howard Kendall, now 32, who achieved fame in Everton's midfield, "I found the players, especially the younger ones, looking at me and copying me rather than getting on with their own game."

Then there is the question of who decides whether the manager should be dropped or substituted. Says Green: "There are times when I've thought I've played well and the coach said I was struggling. I have to rely on him to be honest with me."

## 'Decision'

"Usually though there has been no need to make that decision. The staff is not big enough!"

"At first your own form suffers," says Kendall. "But I found after a couple of months I was playing as well as ever. It is difficult to be in charge on the field but it is most important to get the players' attention. They must realise who is boss."

At Chester, Ronnie Phillips captains the side and Oakes gives the half-time team talk. "He enjoys doing it," says Oakes. "I've been playing long enough — I will be 38 in September — to know when I'm playing badly — but I like to think I hold my corner up."

"If I get booked, I fine myself. Fines for dissent apply to all players."

Turner disagrees. "I would never impose fines on players because of what they have done on the field. If they are not doing what I want then I don't play them."

But Green says: "If I am involved in a tackle and did not clearly see what I did, the coach would decide whether to fine me or not. In the middle the picture is not as clear as it is from the stands."

How good a training ground do the player-managers themselves feel their jobs provide? "The best way to get into management, and the way I did it, is to start as a player-coach," says Turner. "Sitting opposite the man in charge taught me a lot. I learned a great deal from Richie Barker, when he

was manager at Shrewsbury. It doesn't matter how many coaching courses one goes on, there is no substitute for practical experience."

Says Green: "I have doubts

about it. The job is much harder today. The new man coming in is expected to improve the team straightaway."

"It's a good short-term position. The ideal time is two years."

Turner says: "The only way you will succeed is if you maintain the enthusiasm for the game you held when merely a player."

"I am 32 now, and I hope I can continue in this role for at least four or five years. And even after that, with our reserves playing on Saturday morning, I will be able to play for them and then go on to watch our first team game in the afternoon."

"I think that clubs still prefer to go for a manager with a proven track record," says Buckley, and not risk a man who perhaps had a successful playing career and fancies himself as a manager."

"But the likes of Howard Kendall, who has had such a brilliant career, and Allan Clarke and com-

Howard Kendall (left) has taken his skill and experience to Ewood Park to revive the falling fortunes of once-great Blackburn Rovers.



pany are helping to prove that the position is worth considering.

"It saves a wage, and at the same time, is the best possible

way for a man to begin a career in football management. There's nothing like first-hand experience."

After all, the foundations of West Bromwich Albion's success as a First Division side were laid by player-manager Johnny Giles, who helped them gain promotion in 1976. Giles has proved the guiding light for other player-managers, and at long last the game is waking up to the realisation that one man can do two jobs with equal effect.

The player-manager trend has a proven record of success. Buckley and Kendall gained promotion in their first season in charge behind the desk as well as on the field. And Turner took Shrewsbury to the Second Division in his first season as player-manager.

Add that to the successes of Allan Clarke at Barnsley and John Toshack at Swansea, who both gained promotion in their first season in the job, and you will find a positive reason for the theory that a man can work as a player AND a manager — and find success.



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**T**HE bath had hardly run cold after Fulham's last match of the season when the Craven Cottage club discovered the heavy price they would have to pay for being relegated to the Third Division.

A string of star players made it clear they had no wish to play in the Third Division — and asked for transfers.

They were headed by brilliant skipper Richard Money — one of the hottest young properties in the game.

He asked to go — and got a dream move to League Champions Liverpool for £400,000.

He was followed by Republic of Ireland international keeper Gerry Peyton and midfield man John Beck. Both went on the list at their own request.

"It's a tragedy from our point of view that these people want to go," admitted manager Bobby Campbell.

"It's obviously going to make it that much harder for us. Because players good enough for the First Division — and ones we hoped to take us there — did not want to play in the Third.

"I can understand their feelings and don't blame them for wanting a higher grade of football. They are professionals and owe it to themselves to do the best they can.

"But it's going to be mighty hard to replace them — and anyone who thinks otherwise is kidding himself.

"The sale of all three would give me a few bob to move into the transfer market. But I will probably never get bargains like them again.

"Take Money, for example. He cost us just £40,000 from Scunthorpe and developed into one of the most outstanding youngsters in the game.

"A lot of clubs were chasing him and it's appropriate

that he should have gone to the best in the country.

"Peyton, too, cost only £40,000 when I signed him from Burnley. I'd probably have to pay three or four times that for an adequate replacement.

"But in his case I might not need to. For we have a youngster called Perry Digweed, who looks as though he might make a big impression."

Fulham's dramatic dive into the Third Division must have surprised anyone who saw them in action last season.

Any team that can go to West Ham, Birmingham and Chelsea and win must have something.

And when they travelled to play Newcastle and Sunderland they were rated the best team to visit the North-East all season.

Campbell, too, found it hard to fathom. But being a realist he accepts it and makes getting them back into the Second his top priority.

"I had never believed in luck — until last season," he claims. "I always thought you made your own luck in this game. But now I'm

# The Fulham Tragedy



One of the few highspots for Fulham last season — victory at Chelsea.

not so sure.

"We had so much misfortune last season I just could not believe it. Every break seemed to be going against us — just when we needed it in our favour.

"They say nothing goes right when you are at the bottom — and this proved it.

"If we get as much good luck next season as we had bad last we should zoom straight through the Third Division.

"I hope the kids here get a few breaks. God knows, they deserve them.

"They never once allowed their heads to drop last season and battled away non-stop.

"Anyone who saw us had evidence there was nothing wrong with the spirit and it remained great right till the bitter end.

## 'Attacking'

"They will pick it up in the same way next term. We'll go out and have a go — attacking football is the only game we know, and that's what we'll be playing."

Fulham will kick-off in August knowing their hard-core following of around 5,000 will be there to cheer and encourage.

The other few thousand who came to jeer and call for Campbell's head when the going got tough, will probably go elsewhere.

"We are all grateful to that hard-core who stick by us through thick and thin and would like to thank every one of them," says Campbell.

"And I accept the stick I got from some of the crowd towards the end of the season.

"They pay good money to come in and if they don't like what they are watching are entitled to voice an opinion.

"And if they are having a go at me it keeps them off the players backs.

"Hopefully next season there will be no need for any of that. We anticipate doing so well we will draw bigger crowds than last time."



ABOVE: Transfer-seeking 'keeper Gerry Peyton.  
LEFT: Despondent manager Bobby Campbell.





# PUZZLE TIME

## BUILD TWO SIDES

Solve these "down" clues and 1 and 10 across will spell out the names of two English League teams.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10								

1 Gowns  
2 Giants  
3 Curl

4 Therefore  
5 Devoured  
6 Firearm

7 Owl calls  
8 Dart  
9 Styles

## FIGURE THEM OUT

By trial and error decide what letters are represented by the numerals in the frame and identify eight English or Scots sides.

(As a guide, the first is solved for you)

H	1	L	3	F	1	X	1	HALIFAX
6	2	W	P	4	7	9	2	
7	2	1	5	3	6	G	3	
2	V	2	7	9	4	6	4	
1	7	8	2	6	1	L	5	
P	7	2	8	9	4	6	6	
8	W	3	6	5	4	6	7	
7	1	6	G	2	7	8	8	
1	3	7	5	7	3	2	9	
P	1	7	9	3	C	K	10	

## UNSCRAMBLE!

Rearrange these jumbled names of English and Scottish teams and the last letters of your answers will spell out a famous 1st Division club.

- 1 LEACHES
- 2 SHECTER
- 3 ERRSANG
- 4 IRERAID
- 5 STOPNER
- 6 ASSWANE
- 7 SALWALL


Answers on Page 42

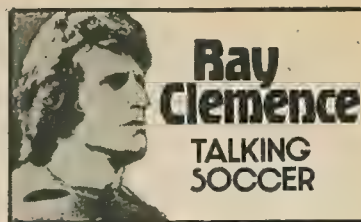
FOOTBALL isn't all about scoring goals. It's also about saving them. And I'm delighted to see that TV now gives this aspect of the game the attention it deserves by featuring "Save of the Season" competitions.

Just like strikers, goalkeepers thrive on encouragement and recognition.

To take my mind off the disappointment of not reaching the Final of the European Championship with England, I cast my mind back over my long season with club and country to recall the most outstanding saves made by men in my position.

They are not in any specific order; merely as they spring to mind.

The first super-save put paid to Liverpool's chances of reaching the



Cup for West Ham.

His team-mates suffered for underestimating their Second Division opposition and failing to put right out of their minds the Final of the Cup-Winners' Cup against Valencia the following Wednesday.

It underlined the importance of the correct attitude towards a game So much is in the mind.

The second of the six great saves

# 'SIX OF THE

F.A. Cup Final instead of Arsenal and bringing football's most glamorous trophy back to Anfield for the first time since 1974.

It happened in one of the three replays against the London Gunners, when Terry McDermott received a ball about thigh height, his favourite position, and cracked a magnificent volley towards the top, left-hand corner from the standpoint of 'keeper Pat Jennings.

The amazing agility Pat showed in dealing with what looked a certain goal belied any suggestions that he's past his best.

Leaping up like a spring-heeled panther, he turned the shot safely over the bar. It was the finest of a series of superb saves he made during our Semi-Final saga, and he more than any other Arsenal player was responsible for robbing us of a trip to Wembley.

And he certainly wasn't at fault for letting into his net the rare header from Trevor Brooking that won the

I've selected occurred in the other F.A. Cup Semi-Final, at Villa Park. With the score-line at 1-1, Everton had Brian Kidd sent-off and West Ham were really putting the pressure on.

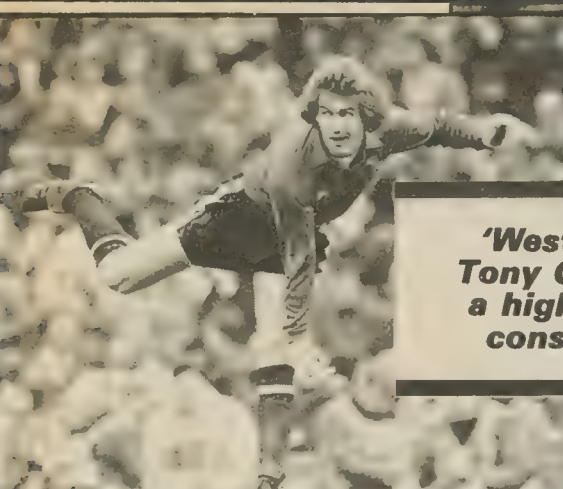
Suddenly the ball was crossed to the penalty-spot in front of the Everton goal. In came Billy Bonds to head it with tremendous power towards Martin Hodge's left-hand post. With a near-superhuman effort, Martin got across and turned the ball away to make a save that figured very highly in the "Save of

**'Arsenal's Pat Jennings robbed us of a trip to Wembley'**



Ray congratulates his opposite number after the third F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay, which Arsenal won 1-0.





**'West Brom's  
Tony Godden —  
a high level of  
consistency'**

# BEST SAVES'

the Season" competition.

Although West Bromwich Albion had a very in-and-out season, 'keeper Tony Godden managed to maintain a high level of consistency. I watched on TV what must rank as his personal high spot: a goal-denying effort against Nottingham Forest in the League.

John Robertson, the Forest winger I regard as the most accurate dead ball kicker in Britain, drove a corner to the near-post, which was flicked on to David Needham about seven yards out.

## Miraculous

Unchallenged, David had what we call a "free header" at the top-left-hand corner of Tony's goal. I was convinced the ball was destined for the back of the net, but Tony made a miraculous leap across the face of the goal to fingertip it away.

An equally spectacular save was made by Manchester United's Gary Bailey, against Middlesbrough, at the time when Gary's club was pushing us hard in the League. A mighty left-foot shot from Boro's ever-present David Armstrong was screaming for a top corner when Gary, off his line, leapt at it.

The ball was actually behind Gary when his fingertips connected to make a deflection that took it safely wide.

In his first full season Gary made a big impact. But I'm sure he's aware that his greatest test will come next season, when opponents will attempt to exploit any shortcomings they've detected first time around.

Whereas Gary helped to keep United in the Championship race, his counterpart across at Maine Road was instrumental in Manchester City holding a place in the First Division.

I hope Joe Corrigan's manager has granted him a big payrise for his effort, as at times he virtually took on the opposition single-handed.



**'Gary Bailey made a  
big impact in his  
first season'**

Without him, City could have had a goals-against figure of 90!

Big Joe made so many top-class saves it's difficult to single one out.

But I've plumped finally for the one he made against Bolton at Burn-den Park, mainly because it illustrates so well how he has overcome a potential weakness.

The ball he had to deal with came from a header, low down from about ten yards out, aimed viciously just inside the left-hand post.

Being well over six feet tall, Joe has had to work hard and long at perfecting a technique for dealing with such "daisy cutting" balls.

Down and across he flashed, an outflung fist making contact to punch the ball clear!

It's unfortunate for Joe that Peter Shilton and myself are around at the

same time to bar his way to a regular England spot.

You won't be surprised that my selection for save number six is one of several which Peter Shilton, a big friend of mine, pulled off in the European Cup Final against Kevin Keegan's club, Hamburger SV, in Madrid.

Well though Larry Lloyd and his men defended, I'm convinced that without Peter behind them performing at his peak, the Cup would now be in the Hamburg team's trophy room instead of being returned to Forest's City Ground.

At one point in the second-half, when Forest were battling to withstand enormous pressure, a power-packed shot was driven towards Peter's top, left-hand side of goal.

It was the type of shot which beat many 'keepers in the 1978 World Cup Finals.

However, watching the flight of the ball all the way, Peter hurled himself across goal to tip it away for a corner.

It was the sort of breathtaking save that draws spontaneous applause even from opposition supporters.

And also demonstrates how a

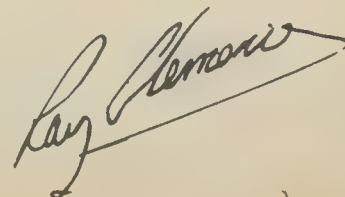
'keeper, once his team has gone ahead, can win a match as surely as any great goalscorer!

I still believe that Britain is the best breeding ground in the world for 'keepers, but that doesn't mean I don't admire the number ones in other countries.

For instance, Dino Zoff of Italy and Luis Arconada of Spain, both of whom performed marvels in the European Championship Finals even though their teams failed to reach the actual Final itself.

Zoff must have set some sort of record internationally by being Italy's first choice for so many years; and Arconada is regarded as the most sound 'keeper in Spain.

If things plan out for me as I hope, I'm sure both will be lining up against England in the 1982 World Cup competition.





# IT'S LIKE HAVING WEMBLEY IN YOUR BACK GARDEN.



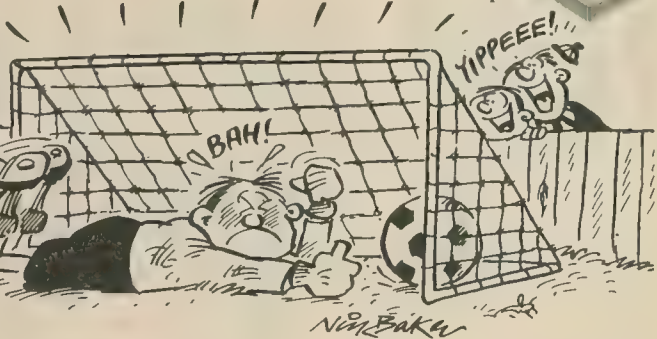
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# The waiting's over for David Stewart



**D**AVID STEWART, the big Scottish goalkeeper now starring for Second Division Swansea City, has been a lad in waiting for much of his professional career.

Stewart spent five years at Leeds, trying to oust regular keeper David Harvey and made only 55 first team appearances in that period.

When Stewart moved to West Bromwich Albion, his chances of displacing out of form Tony Godden and winning the first team job at The Hawthorns seemed excellent. That, however, didn't happen. Stewart spent 18 months with the Midlands club and never made a League appearance. He gave up hope of trying to displace Godden last February, when he signed for Swansea in a £70,000 deal.

Considering such a past record, it is perhaps a shade ironic that Stewart has now taken the goal-keeping jersey at Vetch Field from his former Leeds colleague Glan Letheran, who was first choice with the Welsh club until Stewart's arrival.

But you only have to skim briefly through his career to realise he richly deserves this turn of luck — in his favour.

Stewart admits: "I was happy to sign for Swansea. I'd had 18 frustrating months with West Brom because Tony Godden suddenly started to play well as soon as I arrived. I never got a look-in because he improved so much, and it was a waste of 18 months in my career.

"I had the chance to go to Hull City or to Hearts. But I opted for Swansea because I didn't fancy the Third Division with Hull and thought Hearts might not be promoted to the Scottish Premier.

"I wondered about a return to Scotland, because I come from Glasgow. But I chose Swansea

because it was more of a challenge and I'm glad I did."

Stewart, now aged 33, is one of the experienced members of an interesting looking Swansea side being put together by player-manager John Toshack.

"When I came here, John Toshack told me it ought to be a challenge for me. He was right. I'm enjoying my football again, and besides, goalkeepers tend to go on far longer these days. I still enjoy training as much as playing, and I feel as fit and agile as I ever did."

David Stewart has had some extraordinary ups and downs, during his career. He began with Ayr United, making more than 150 appearances for the Scottish club before moving South, to sign for Don Revie's Leeds United. It was with the Elland Road club that he played in the 1975 European Cup Final, against Bayern Munich in Paris.

## 'Highlights'

Leeds lost 2-0 and were disgraced by the behaviour of their rioting fans. But Stewart says: "It still has to be one of the highlights of my career.

"I also won a full cap for Scotland, playing against East Germany in 1978. That was something I'll always treasure and I just wished I'd had the chance to win more, even though we lost 1-0 in East Berlin. I'll certainly remember that experience."

Life in top class football has, as you can see, often been frustrating for Stewart. That taste of near-glory with Leeds and Scotland; the 18-month spell in the reserves at West Brom. Now, he is happy to be back in first team football, and enjoying his soccer once again.

"I think Swansea will be stronger next season," he says.

# FANTASTIC BUT TRUE

It is an old soccer cliché that football is a funny game. But a close examination of some of the amazing coincidences and strange events of last season prove that there is certainly some truth in that old phrase.

Let's kick off by saying that Colin Garwood achieved a feat so rare that previous post War cases of the kind could be ticked off on the fingers of one hand. He actually ended up as the leading League scorer for TWO clubs! In Fourth

despite the fact that each was credited with a mere three goals all told!

It would need an expert mathematician to determine the odds against a club drawing two identical gates at League games in the same season. It happened in two cases. Two of Luton Town's home matches were both seen by 8,507; Lincoln City had two 3,414 crowds in Division Four!

Surely the longest existing run in the way of a club's failure to win on any specific ground is that of Bolton Wanderers at Bristol City. Their latest defeat means they've not won there since April, 1907!

## Sombre

For Paul Miller (Spurs), Bob Hazell (Q.P.R.), Norman Hunter (Barnsley), Ken Price (Gillingham), and Ray Lugg (Bury) it was a sombre sort of a season — all were sent off twice in League matches!

A player who's about one in two thousand — that's defender Kevin Lock. He's the only player who has twice scored for both teams in the same match. He did that double when playing for West Ham against Q.P.R. in September, 1977, and also with Fulham against Birmingham last November!

Liverpool became Champions again in both Division One and the Central League, just as they had been in 72-73, 75-76, 76-77, and 1978-79, and there's been nothing like it since Arsenal's first and second teams likewise were Champions together five times between 1930-31 and 47-48.

Not many players ever appear in teams demoted from all the first three Divisions, but goal ace Alan Gowling is saddled with that dubious distinction. He dropped down with Huddersfield Town from Two in 72-73 and from Three in 74-75, and now it's from One with Bolton.

Barnsley, Grimsby, Northampton, and Portsmouth currently rank as the only clubs in the land which have met all the other 91 in League games, but two others will complete the circuit next season. Bury will do so when they meet neighbouring Wigan Athletic for the first time, and Lincoln in their first meeting with Wimbledon.

How are the mighty fallen! Since the dawn of the 70's Aston Villa, Preston, North End, Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers, and, now, Burnley, all among the Football League's original 12 clubs in 1888, all have descended to Division Three for the first time in their history.

Let's end up by meeting the man who's just been in a promoted team for the third season on the trot. He's goalkeeper Andy Rankin, who went up from Division Four with Watford in 77-78 and from Three a year later, and now rises from Four with Huddersfield.



Frank Worthington

Division matches he hit 17 goals for Portsmouth and then, transferred, ten more for Aldershot.

Frank Worthington has had four clubs: Huddersfield, Leicester, Bolton and Birmingham. Bolton were relegated; all the others won promotion. Huddersfield manager Mick Buxton led his team to the Division Four title, but his previous clubs Burnley, Southend, and Mansfield all went down!

Since Brian Talbot left Ipswich Town for Arsenal two seasons ago he has scored six goals, but only one came in the League. F.A. Cup-ties have brought him four and the League Cup the other!

Talking about goals, Bob Latchford (Everton), David Fairclough (Liverpool), and Ian Bowyer (Forest) all shot more in the Cup than in the League ... Gerry Daly (Derby) and John McClelland (Mansfield) were the only players in the game who opened their clubs' scoring accounts in the League and both national Cups



# Lukic won't let Leeds down ...on his way to the top

**A**LTHOUGH Britain's standing in the football world may not be as high as we would like it there is one department where we reign supreme.

That is in goal, where top two Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton are without doubt the best in the business.

Behind them Joe Corrigan and Phil Parkes are good enough to command a place in almost any other national side and youngsters like Gary Bailey and Chris Woods are proving that the future is in good hands.

Now all these are being put under pressure by another teenager who made a big impression last season — his first in Division One.

He is John Lukic, of Leeds, a towering 6ft 4in beanpole who impressed many good judges with his outstanding displays.

An injury to long-serving Scottish international David Harvey gave Lukic his big chance last October.

He took it so well that Harvey was unable to get his place back and has now been transferred to Vancouver Whitecaps.

Lukic, 19, certainly has the right background for a goalkeeper. For he was born in Chesterfield — the town that produced players like Gordon Banks, Bob Wilson, Alan Stevenson and John Osborne.

He joined Leeds from school, patiently learned his trade under Harvey and showed how well the lessons had been absorbed when the call came to move into the big time.

Lukic earned England Youth honours two seasons ago, playing

in the same team as Clive Allen — soccer's latest £1 million kid — and Paul Allen, an F.A. Cup winner with West Ham.

His progress was so rapid last season that he got a call into the Under-21 squad three times — for the European Championship matches against Scotland and East Germany, twice.

He failed to make the team on any of those occasions. But it can be only a question of time before that first cap comes his way.

Among the many top bosses to be impressed with Lukic last season was Bobby Robson, of Ipswich, the England 'B' manager.

## Brave

He raved about the lanky Lukic after watching him save a penalty at Portman Road and defy Ipswich for most of the game until a last minute goal ended his brave resistance.

Lukic admits that things have gone far better than he could ever have dreamed of.

But he shows his feet are still firmly on the ground by declaring that it's what he does NEXT season that matters.

"It's great to have done so well last time — but that's all in the past. I have forgotten that now," he says.

"It's asking for trouble to sit back and say to myself 'look how

well I did'.

"What happens next season is far more important now. As far as I'm concerned I've only got my feet on the bottom rung of the ladder.

"There's a hell of a long way to go till I reach the top. But if hard work and dedication mean anything I'll get there.

"I've had a great deal of help from a lot of people at Leeds. They showed faith in me by promoting me to the first team — and I don't intend to let any of them down."

Lukic does not intend to let himself down either.

The tremendous depth of goal-keeping talent in this country will act as an extra spur, if he should need such a thing.

With competition so fierce he knows that only the best will get a call to the national squad.

He has made a superb start. But he realises there is still a lot to do — and with his attitude we are backing him to go all the way.



# SHILTON'S NEW NUMBER TWO

**L**EE Smelt recently got the best wedding present any young footballer could hope for — a transfer to European Champions Nottingham Forest.

Forest manager Brian Clough plucked the 22-year-old 'keeper Smelt from non-League football when he paid Gravesend and Northfleet £15,000 for him.

And he did it after watching the former Post Office clerk pick the ball out of the net SIX times in a match against Forest.

Clough took his team to Gravesend back in January for a match to open the Alliance Premier League club's new flood-

lights. Forest cantered to a 6-1 win — yet Clough saw enough in Smelt to take a gamble.

Others were looking. But Clough's friendship with Gravesend chairman Roger Easterby made the deal a formality.

Now the kid who joined Gravesend three years ago after being rejected by Colchester, continues his footballing education under one of the greatest 'keepers the game has ever known — Peter Shilton.

"That's the best thing that could happen to him," says Easterby. "He can't fail to learn from a goalkeeper like Peter.



Lee Smelt

"We have had three great years from him. He has done all that anyone could ask — and more besides. Now it's a cert that his career will really blossom.

"The one thing he really lacked during his time with us at Gravesend was specialist coaching. Now he is going to get it from the best in the world.

"And the move could not have come at a better time for him. For he is getting married soon and was having trouble finding a house in London at a suitable price.

"Now he is going full-time it will improve his financial situation and he should have no trouble getting fixed up in the Nottingham area.

"Soon after the transfer to Forest went through I met Birmingham boss Jim Smith — the man who signed Lee when he was in charge at Colchester.

## 'Convinced'

"He told me he was not a bit surprised that he had made a jump like this. For he was always convinced he had it in him to reach the top."

But Bobby Roberts — who took over from Smith at Colchester — obviously had some doubts. For he allowed the kid to leave Layer Road.

Colchester's loss was Gravesend's gain. And although Smelt has now taken on one of the most thankless tasks in football — understudying a great like Shilton — it's an experience he must benefit from.





## Movie star

WERNER Roth has been granted five weeks leave of absence from the New York Cosmos to try his hand at becoming a movie star.

The former Cosmos captain (above), now director of youth development in Budapest making a film with Michael Caine, Pele, Sylvester Stallone and Max Von Sydow.

The film is called 'Escape to Victory' and the climax of the action is a soccer game between the German national team and Allied prisoners.

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# Soccer in the States

## America want the World Cup — 1990

AMERICA has its eye on the 1990 World Cup — hosting it, that is, not winning it.

The U.S. Soccer Federation is staging a youth tournament in August for 19 countries in the North and Central American and Caribbean region (CONCACAF). Two will go through to next year's Youth World Cup in Australia.

Says Gene Edwards, president of the U.S. Federation: "If we can prove to FIFA that we can handle this tournament, we can consider it a dry run for the Youth World Cup in 1983 or 1985.

"Then maybe we can ask to host the big one in 1990."

The Americans, naturally, have

little doubt that they could hold a bigger, better World Cup tournament than anyone else. When it comes to organising a parade, there's few to beat them.

What they consider their biggest obstacle is the fact that the preceding World Cup is being held in Colombia. Following that, they reckon Europe might want the tournament.

Another problem might be FIFA's disapproval of America's 35 yard offside line, coloured pitches and shoot out system.

A little problem like that isn't going to deter the Americans. Nor is the fact that they haven't got a team capable of giving the weakest World Cup qualifiers a game.

## Rowdies beat Rogues

The NASL hopes that at least 19 of their 24 clubs will take part in the 1980-81 indoor season.

Tampa Bay Rowdies won the initial Championship, beating Memphis Rogues in the Final.

Tampa Bay lost the away leg in Memphis 4-5 but won the second leg 10-4 and 1-0 in the mini-game to decide the title.

The season will run from November to March in 1980-81.

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## Successful Sounders

SEATTLE are still far and away the most successful team in the NASL with 128 points from 18 games.

After their latest success — a 5-0 trouncing of Dallas — they lead the National Conference's Western Division by 53 points.

Seattle now need nine more wins from their remaining 12 League games to beat the NASL record of 24 wins shared by New York and Vancouver.

Vancouver, last year's Champions, could be Seattle's first opponents in the playoffs unless they start to put some form together.

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## Surf's new coach

LAURIE Calloway finally seems to have had a change of luck after a couple of unfortunate years.

Calloway did a good job as coach of American Soccer League side California Lazars until they folded a year ago.

Now, though, Calloway is assistant coach to Peter Wall at California Surf, who head the American Conference's Western Division.

English coach Brian Boswell is also making an impact with his coaching clinics for children (left). American youngsters are only too keen to learn.

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## Kicks back

MINNESOTA have made a tremendous recovery from bottom position in the National Conference's Central Division and are now chasing old rivals Tulsa for the title.

The Kicks now look to have a great chance of qualifying for the playoffs.

But after winning the title in each of their four seasons in the Central Division, they may now have to settle for second place behind Tulsa.



## NASL Standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE								AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
Eastern Division		GAMES PLAYED	WON	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	Eastern Division		GAMES PLAYED	WON	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
New York		16	12	4	45	24	35	107	Fl. Lauderdale		18	11	7	33	28	30	96
Toronto		16	8	8	25	25	23	71	Tampa Bay		17	10	7	31	31	28	88
Washington		15	6	9	30	33	26	62	New England		17	7	10	28	35	23	65
Rochester		14	7	7	20	24	16	58	Philadelphia		15	4	11	18	28	15	39
Central Division									Central Division								
Tulsa		15	9	6	22	22	20	74	Chicago		16	13	3	40	21	33	111
Minnesota		16	6	10	25	28	21	57	Memphis		17	8	9	24	28	21	69
Dallas		14	5	9	17	29	16	46	Detroit		16	7	9	27	25	23	65
Atlanta		15	5	10	17	31	16	46	Houston		16	7	9	25	28	22	64
Western Division									Western Division								
Seattle		18	16	2	43	14	32	128	California		18	9	9	35	34	30	84
Los Angeles		15	9	6	24	20	21	75	Edmonton		16	7	9	26	24	19	61
Vancouver		17	9	8	24	22	20	74	San Diego		15	7	8	21	26	18	60
Portland		16	5	11	17	27	16	46	San Jose		16	5	11	21	31	19	49

(\* Note: Six points are awarded for each win, while one bonus point is given for every goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game. No bonus points are awarded for either an overtime goal or the team shootout goal).



# ENGL





# LAND



**BACK ROW:** (left-to-right): Phil Thompson, David Johnson, Dave Watson, Ray Clemence, Ray Wilkins, Trevor Brooking.

**FRONT ROW:** Kenny Sansom, Kevin Keegan, Tony Woodcock, Steve Coppell, Phil Neal.

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## ANOTHER HONOUR FOR LIVERPOOL

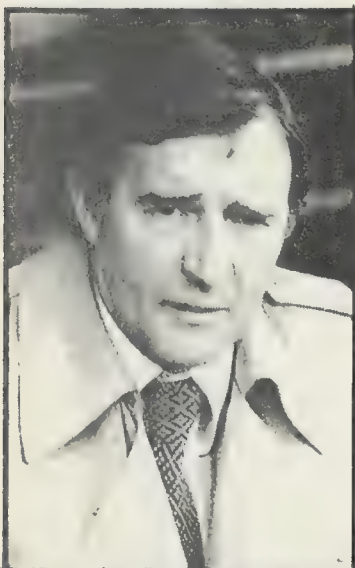
★ The League Championship wasn't the only honour that Liverpool obtained during last season. They were also the most featured team on B.B.C. T.V.'s 'Match of the Day.' Out of the 47 teams shown, they appeared the most, 13 times.

Second were Manchester United with ten appearances, and third, rather surprisingly, Manchester City, with eight appearances.

1979-80 was pleasing for the B.B.C. The number of goals shown was up by a rather startling 56, to 225. This figure meant an average of nearly six goals every week.

The highest scorers in one edition were Tommy Docherty's Q.P.R. They scored seven against Burnley in the October 27th edition. That week proved to be the most entertaining of the season, with 14 goals being shown.

● I also reckon Justin Fashanu's 'Goal-of-the-Season', ironically against Liverpool, was just about the best televised goal I saw.



Malcolm Allison

## No doubt

THERE was never any doubt that Malcolm Allison would be given the go-ahead to stay on at Manchester City. After giving him £4.5 million to spend, there shouldn't even have been any suggestion that he would leave Maine Road.

JOHN SMITH, NEWBURY.

● You're speaking logic, and that's something you can't always apply to football.

## Is there a solution?

AS Scotland still reels from the shocking and disgusting scenes which occurred after the Rangers/Celtic Cup Final we once again come up against the trouble which haunts what

should be a fixture to be proud of — bigotry. And what is the answer?

Immediately there is criticism of Rangers' policy of not signing a Catholic. As a Rangers fan I do not condone my club's policy, but do not think it would solve the problem as everyone seems to think.

Celtic have several Protestant players but are still THE Catholic team, with their fans booing The Queen, singing the praises of the Pope and flying the Irish tricolour (with the white separating the green and the orange).

No, the bigotry among Old Firm fans lies much deeper than the religion of players playing for their teams.

In my opinion, Rangers/Celtic matches will have to be played in front of season ticket holders only, for the good people of Glasgow cannot suffer the trouble of an Old Firm game much longer.

GORDON McALLISTER, GLASGOW.

● If anyone can come up with a solution they'll deserve the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Wolves in Spanish

MY name is Victor Lobos and I am a 16-year-old supporter of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

You may be a little bit surprised and wondering how a Chilean boy can become a Wolves fan. The answer is very easy. My name is Lobos, that means Wolves in Spanish!

VICTOR LOBOS, SANTIAGO.

## Ban Liverpool

IF I hear that name Liverpool once more I'll scream. Liverpool this and Liverpool that. Can't you understand there are 91 OTHER teams in the Football League?

I'm just thinking how marvellous it would be if there wasn't a thing about Liverpool for ONE week, and print something about the teams you totally neglect.

ELAINE BARNES, WOODBRIDGE.

● We were going to give Liverpool a miss this week — then your letter arrived...

## Too old, short and heavy!

IT was interesting to read a recent letter stating that by computer, the 'perfect' footballer should be 24-years-old, 5ft. 10ins. tall and 11st. 2lbs. in weight.

I did my own investigations into this subject and discovered that either we in Britain have super footballers or out of proportion ones.

My findings show that in the First Division the 22 teams average out at 25-years-old, 5ft. 10½ins. tall and 11st. 10lbs. in weight. Older and bigger in every department, you never know, maybe that is the reason for lack of international success!

The England team that lost to Italy was 26-years-old on average, 5ft. 9¾ins. tall and 11st. 9lbs. for curiosity sakes. Too old, too short and too heavy!

ANTHONY ROBERTS, DEESIDE.

● For me, the most influential player in Italy was Belgium's Van Moer — who, at 35, was 11 years past 'perfection' but still looked a marvellous midfielder.

# YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1 A free-kick taken inside the penalty-area by a defender is passed back to the goalkeeper, who kicks the ball down the field. Should you: (a) allow the kick to be taken or (b) have the free-kick retaken?



2 A defending player tackles an opponent from behind, kicks the ball away and then the opponent falls over the defender's leg. Should you take any action?

3 At a penalty the kicker shouts at the goalkeeper as the ball goes into the goal. Do you: (a) award a free-kick or (b) caution the kicker and have the penalty retaken?

4 The ball is going over the line for a goal-kick when a ball boy runs on the field and gives the ball to the home goalkeeper. Should you: (a) award a goal-kick, or (b) drop the ball?

5 A goalkeeper catches the ball near his goal-line. While he is holding the ball an opposing attacker charges him fairly into the goal. Are you correct in awarding a goal?

## ANSWERS

1. Have the free-kick retaken (b). 2. No. 3. Award a free-kick (a). 4. Drop the ball (b). In a match I refereed between Stuttgart (West Germany) and Sofia (Bulgaria) in the U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Final, this incident actually happened and as Sofia were losing, the ball boy tried to quicken things up by coming on to the field and passing the ball to the home team goalkeeper. When I stopped play I explained in broken English to the ball boy he was not allowed to come on to the pitch, and then had to drop the ball.

This is the last of the present series of You Are The Ref. This popular feature will return in the new season.



# GALLAGHER KNOWS WHAT TO EXPECT



Joe Gallagher (right) and Peter Withe (left) have both returned to the First Division after a one-year absence from the top.

**B**IRMINGHAM City, according to centre-back Joe Gallagher, have learned a lot about consistency and the danger of over-confidence in the Second Division. And he reckons that last season's experience will benefit his team this coming term back in the First Division.

Says Joe: "Before Birmingham were relegated in 1979 we lacked the ability to string a series of good results together over a long period.

"Now I think we are capable of doing this without becoming over-confident. It was the habit of being almost arrogant on several occasions which nearly cost us promotion last season.

"Once we had reached the top of the table we believed we were already assured of promotion, and it took a couple of upsets to remind us that we still had to work hard to finish in the top three.

"We are now aware that it will take total concentration in the First Division if we are to achieve

any kind of success.

"In the past, I often felt irritated by the fact Birmingham appeared to be also-rans in top-class football — we usually seemed to be struggling.

"But during the new season, I believe we'll supply the urgency we didn't show often enough in the six or seven years before we dropped into the Second Division.

"Our manager, Jim Smith, has the right qualities of being able to relax with the players on occasions and also knows when we need to be driven. I've considerable respect for him."

Due to Birmingham's rapid return to Division One, Gallagher's memory of the top flight and what to expect in it is still fresh.

He says: "I'm looking forward to coming up against players like Joe Jordan, Kenny Dalglish and Peter Withe again. And there will be extra rivalry with Peter, as he has gone to our near-neighbours Aston Villa.

"Without trying to take anything

away from the Second Division, I felt that one of the disadvantages of playing in it was that I missed the competition of meeting some of the game's big goalscorers.

"I've always relished tussles against fellows like Joe Jordan, and appreciate the extra sharpness and alertness that is necessary in the First Division.

## 'Accomplished'

"In addition, I admire having such an accomplished player as Colin Todd alongside me in defence. He is an ideal colleague in any situation, and one of the reasons why I expect Birmingham to do well over the next few months.

"And while Colin has the experience, we've two young full-backs who I expect to really thrive on first-class soccer, 20-year-old right-back Kevan Broadhurst, and 19-year-old Mark Dennis. They played a big part in our success last season, and are improving all the

time.

"Oddly enough, it was after Kevan had gone to Walsall for two months, then returned to Birmingham, that he really showed a tremendous improvement in form.

"The arrival of David Langan will give Kevan the competition he needs."

The idea of competing in the First Division again has stimulated Gallagher into carrying out some pre-season training on his own.

"I've been doing a little weight-lifting, exercising and jogging, to keep myself in shape, although for most of the summer the rest away from the game was welcome after the pressure of going for promotion."

In relegation and promotion battles over the last two years, Joe has become accustomed to the strain, and he isn't worried about facing more of it in the future.

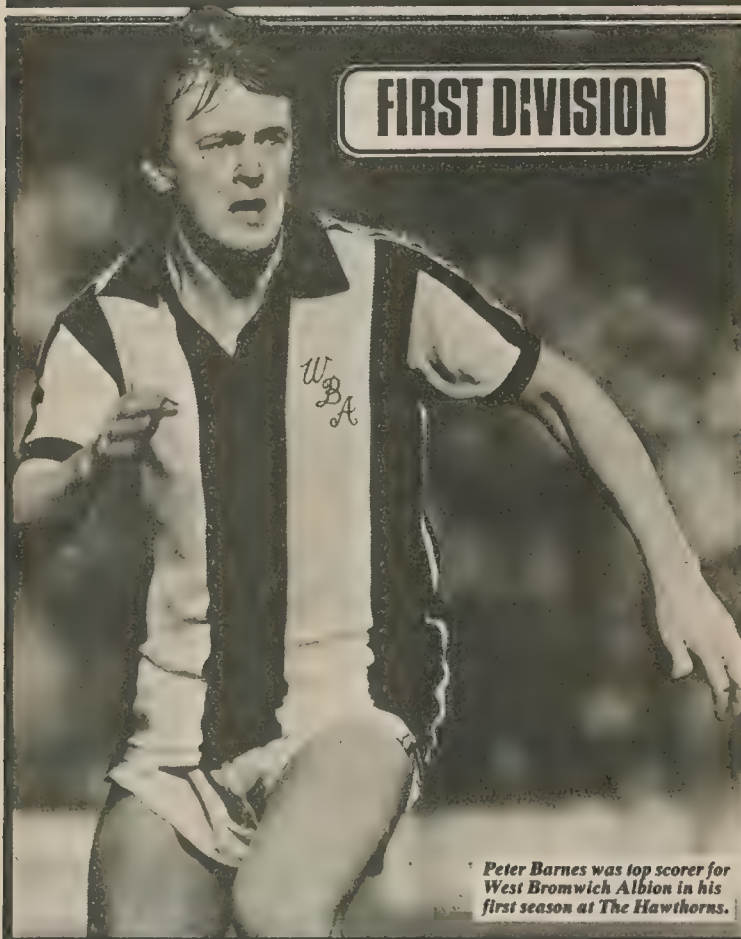
He says: "I've always thought we were a First Division side, even when nothing was going right for us. Going to grounds like Old Trafford and Anfield doesn't add to the burden — I know we are in our rightful place."



Birmingham City right-back Kevan Broadhurst.



# ALL THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



*Peter Barnes was top scorer for West Bromwich Albion in his first season at The Hawthorns.*

**ARSENAL:** 52; Stapleton 14, Sunderland 14, Brady 7, Rix 4, Young 3, Nelson 2, Vaessen 2, Gattling 1, Hollins 1, O'Leary 1, Price 1, Talbot 1, Walford 1. **A. VILLA:** 51; Shaw 9, Evans 8, Cowans 6, Mortimer 6, Little 5, Morley 3, Bremner 3, Donovan 2, Geddis 2, Gibson 2, Hopkins 1, McNaught 1, Own Goals 3. **BOLTON:** 38; Whatmore 16, Carter 5, Morgan 3, Reid 3, Allardyce 2, Greaves 2, Gowing 1, Jones 1, McNab 1, Nowak 1, Thompson 1, Walsh 1, Wilson 1. **BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION:** 47; Ward 16, Clarke 8, Ryan 5, Horton 4, Clark 2, Maybank 2, Williams 2, Foster 1, Lawrenson 1, O'Sullivan 1, Poskett 1, Rollings 1, Stevens 1, Own Goals 2. **BRISTOL CITY:** 37; Ritchie 13, Mabbutt 6, Rodgers 6, Gow 4, Mann 3, Royle 3, Jantunen 1, Merrick 1. **COVENTRY CITY:** 56; Wallace 13, English 10, Ferguson 10, Thompson 6, McDonald 4, Powell 4, Dyson 2, Gooding 2, Blair 1, Coop 1, Gillespie 1, Hunt 1, Hutchison 1. **CRYSTAL PALACE:** 41; Swindlehurst 6, Walsh 6, Flanagan 5, Hilaire 5, Cannon 3, Francis 3, Hinshelwood 3, Murphy 3, Nicholas 2, Gilbert 1, Kember 1, Sansom 1, Smillie 1, Own Goal 1. **DERBY COUNTY:** 47; Biley 9, Duncan 7, Emson 4, McCaffrey 4, Swindlehurst 4, Davies 3, Hill 3, Osgood 3, Powell (B) 3, Emery 2, Clark 1, Daly 1, Langan 1, Moreland 1, Own Goal 1. **EVERTON:** 43; Kidd 9, King 9, Eastoe 6, Latchford 6, Ross 3, Bailey 2, Gidman 1, Hartford 1, McBride 1, Megson 1, Nulty 1, Stanley 1, Own Goals 2. **IPSWICH TOWN:** 68; Mariner 17, Gates 13, Brazil 12, Wark 12, Muhren 4, Butcher 2, Hunter 2, Osman 2, Thijssen 2, Mills 1, Woods 1. **LEEDS UNITED:** 48; Hird 8, Connor 6, Curtis 4, Harris 4, Graham 3, Hankin 3, Hart 3, Parlance 3, Chandler 2, Cherry 2, Entwistle 2, Gray 2, Flynn 2, Hamson 1, Own Goal 1. **LIVERPOOL:** 81; Johnson 21, Dalglish 16, McDermott 11, Kennedy (R) 10, Fairclough 5, Hansen 4, Case 3, Irwin 2, Cohen 1, Kennedy (A) 1, Neal 1, Souness 1, Own Goals 5. **MAN. CITY:** 43; Robinson 8, Power 7, Deyna 6, Tueart 5, Henry 4, Bennett 2, Daley 2, Lee 2, Mackenzie 2, Reeves 2, Channon 1, Palmer 1, Own goal 1. **MAN. UNITED:** 65; Jordan 13, Macari 9, McQueen 9, Coppell 8, Thomas 8, McIlroy 6, Grimes 3, Ritchie 3, Wilkins 2, Greenhoff 1, Moran 1, Own Goals 2. **MIDDLESBROUGH:** 50; Armstrong 11, Burns 10, Hodgson 7, Johnston 5, Ashcroft 3, Jankovic 3, Cummins 2, Hedley 2, Proctor 2, Cochrane 1, Craggs 1, McAndrew 1, Ramage 1, Shearer 1. **NORWICH CITY:** 58; Fashanu 11, Bond 9, Peters 9, Robson 8, Reeves 7, Taylor 5, McGuire 2, Mendham 2, Paddon 2, Goble 1, Jones 1, Woods 1. **NOTTINGHAM FOREST:** 63; Francis 14, Birtles 12, Robertson 11, Woodcock 4, Anderson 3, Burns 3, Lloyd 3, O'Neill 3, Bowles 2, Gray 2, McGovern 2, Bowyer 1, Mills 1, Needham 1, Own Goal 1. **SOUTHAMPTON:** 65; Boyer 23, Channon 10, Holmes 5, Baker 4, Watson 4, George 3, Golac 2, Hayes 2, Hebbard 2, Peach 2, Waldron 2, Williams 2, Andrzejewski 1, Ball 1, Moran 1, Nicholl 1. **STOKE CITY:** 44; Crooks 12, Heath 5, O'Callaghan 5, Cook 4, Chapman 3, Irvine 3, Richardson 2, Smith 2, Busby 1, Dodd 1, Evans 1, Scott 1, Own Goals 4. **TOTTENHAM:** 52; Hoddle 19, Jones 9, Armstrong 4, Galvin 4, Ardiles 3, Villa 3, Falco 2, Miller 2, Pratt 2, Hughton 1, McAllister 1, Perryman 1, Yorath 1. **WEST BROM:** 54; Barnes 15, Robson 9, Regis 8, Brown (A) 6, Owen 5, Deehan 3, Brown (T) 2, Treweek 2, Moses 1, Robertson 1, Wile 1, Own Goal 1. **WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS:** 58; Richards 13, Gray 12, Hibbitt 9, Daniel 6, Eves 6, Bell 3, Carr 2, Clarke 2, Atkinson 1, Brazier 1, Palmer 1, Own Goals 2.

**BARNESLEY:** 53; Glavin 20, Lester 6, Aylott 4, Parker 4, Riley 4, Banks 3, Clarke 3, Cooper 3, Bell 2, Evans 1, Graham 1, McCarthy 1, Own Goal 1. **BLACKBURN ROVERS:** 58; Crawford 18, McKenzie 12, Brotherston 7, Garner 6, Craig 3, Keeley 3, Kendall 2, Stonehouse 2, Branagan 1, Fazackerley 1, Parker 1, Parkes 1, Rathbone 1. **BLACKPOOL:** 62; Kellow 12, McEwan 12, Fletcher 7, Morris 4, Wilson 4, Harrison 3, Pashley 3, Weston 3, Doyle 2, Kerr 2, Jones 2, Spence 2, Noble 2, Bamber 1, Bowey 1, Hockaday 1, Smith (B) 1. **BRENTFORD:** 59; Phillips 12, McNichol 8, Booker 6, Holmes (L) 6, Smith 5, Fraser 4, Kruse 3, Salman 3, Carlton 2, Funnell 2, Holmes (W) 2, Fear 2, Graham (J) 1, Shrubbs 1, Own Goals 2. **BURY:** 45; Madden 10, Johnson 9, Hilton 5, Beamish 4, Gregory 3, McIlwraith 3, Mullen 3, Whitehead 3, Halford 2, Howard 2, Constantine 1. **CARLISLE UNITED:** 66; Bannon 19, Bonnyman 10, Beardsley 8, Ludlam 8, Hamilton 5, McVitie 4, Staniforth 4, McCartney 2, Collins 1, Hoolickin 1, MacDonald 1, Winstanley 1, Own Goals 2. **CHESTER:** 49; Rush 14, Jones 6, Edwards 5, Phillips (R) 4, Henderson 3, Raynor 3, Storton 3, Sutcliffe 3, Oakes 2, Walker 2, Fear 1, Ruggiero 1, Phillips (T) 1, Own Goal 1. **CHESTERFIELD:** 71; Moss 14, Birch 13, Walker 13, Crawford 10, Salmons 7, Bonnyman 3, Ridley 3, Kowalski 2, Tarrt 2, Green 1, Hunter 1, Own Goals 2. **COLCHESTER UNITED:** 64; Lee 17, Gough 10, Foley 8, Rowles 8, Hodge 5, Packer 4, Wignall 3, Allinson 2, Dowman 2, Harvey 2, Leslie 1, Wright 1, Own Goal 1. **EXETER CITY:** 60; Pullar 10, Bowker 8, Neville 8, Hatch 6, Kellow 5, Rogers (P)

## THIRD DIVISION

5, Forbes 3, Pearson 3, Roberts (L) 3, Giles 2, Pratt 2, Delve 1, Own Goals 4. **GILLINGHAM:** 49; Price 13, Westwood 10, Bruce 5, Funnell 3, White 3, Crabbe 2, Overton 2, Walker 2, Barker 1, Duncan 1, Hughes 1, Nicholl 1, Richardson 1, Sharpe 1, Weatherley 1, Own Goals 2. **GRIMSBY TOWN:** 73; Drinkell 16, Kilmore 15, Cumming 14, Waters 7, Ford 5, Broly 4, Moore (K) 4, Liddell 2, Mitchell 2, Wigginton 1, Own Goals 3. **HULL CITY:** 51; Edwards 19, Moss 6, Farley 4, Norrie 4, Phillips 3, Tait 3, Dobson 2, Haigh 2, Roberts (G) 2, Bannister 1, Croft 1, Deacy 1, Hawker 1, Roberts (D) 1, Own Goal 1. **MANSFIELD TOWN:** 47; Austin 19, Bird 7, Taylor 7, Allen 4, Pollard 4, Curtis 1, Hamilton 1, Lathan 1, McClelland 1, Own Goals 2. **MILLWALL:** 65; Lyons 18, Towner 12, Chatterton 10, Mitchell 8, Mehmet 4, O'Callaghan 3, Shinton 3, Tagg 2, Coleman 1, Guthrie 1, Seasman 1, Sinton 1, Sweetzer 1. **OXFORD UNITED:** 57; Berry 14, Foley 10, Cooke 7, Taylor 6, Graydon 5, Jeffrey 3, McGrogan 3, Brock 2, Fogg 2, Hodgson 2, Briggs 1, O'Dowd 1, Stott 1. **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE:** 59; Kemp 15, Trusson 8, Sims 7, Cook 5, Hodges 5, Randell 5, Binney 4, Bason 2, Graves 2, Harrison 1, Johnson 1, Own Goals 4. **READING:** 66; Kearney 12, Bowman 11, Kearns 11, Earles 10, Heale 8, Sanchez 5, Hetzke 2, Wanklyn 2, Williams 2, Alexander 1, Hicks 1, Joslyn 1. **ROTHERHAM UNITED:** 58; Finney 11, Gwyther 10, McEwan 7, Fern 5, Forrest 4, Gooding 3, Henson 3, Rhodes 3, Carr



*Andy Rowland, who formed a deadly partnership with Alan Mayes at Swindon last season.*

2, Green 2, Wann 2, Dawson 1, Halom 1, Nix 1, Stancliffe 1, Tiler 1, Own Goal 1. **SHEFFIELD UNITED:** 60; Bourne 11, Butlin 7, Speight 6, De Goey 5, McPhail 5, Matthews 5, Sabella 5, Kenworthy 3, Verde 3, Benjamin 1, Brown 1, Busby 1, Casey 1, Charles 1, Flood 1, Garner 1, Tibbott 1, Own Goals 2. **SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY:** 81; Curran 23, McCulloch 12, Mellor 11, Smith 9, Wyld 8, Taylor 6, Hornsby 3, King 3, Mullen 2, Johnson 1, Lowey 1, Owen 1, Porterfield 1. **SOUTHEND UNITED:** 47; Parker 8, Gray 7, Spence 5, Mercer 4, Morris 4, Pountney 4, Tuohy 4, Hadley 2, Nelson 2, Stead 2, Cusack 1, Franklin 1, Polycarpou 1, Own Goals 2. **SWINDON TOWN:** 71; Rowland 20, Mayes 19, McHale 8, Kamara 5, Tucker 4, Carter 3, Lewis 3, Williams 3, Miller 2, Cockerill 1, Stroud 1, Own Goals 2. **WIMBLEDON:** 52; Leslie 12, Cork 11, Parsons 7, Cunningham 5, Ketteridge 5, Denny 4, Downes 3, Galliers 2, Dziadulewicz 1, Knowles 1, Own Goal 1.



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## SECOND DIVISION

**BIRMINGHAM CITY:** 58; Bertschin 12, Gemmill 8, Lynex 8, Ainscow 6, Dillon 6, Worthington 5, Evans 4, Curbishley 3, Givens 2, Broadhurst 1, Gallagher 1, Johnston 1, Own Goal 1.  
**BRISTOL ROVERS:** 52; Barrowclough 12, Penny 9, Dennehy 6, White 6, Williams 6, Puls 3, Bates 2, Aitken 1, Bate 1, Emmanuel 1, Jones 1, Parkinson 1, Taylor 1, Own Goals 2.  
**BURNLEY:** 39; Hamilton 7, James 6, Dobson 5, Burke 4, Kindon 3, Noble 3, Arins 2, Cavenor 2, Scott 2, Busby 1, Dixon 1, Smith 1, Tate 1, Own Goal 1.  
**CAMBRIDGE UNITED:** 61; Finney 13, Biley 12, Reilly 11, Spriggs 7, Christie 5, Gibbins 4, Fallon 2, O'Neill 2, Smith 2, Buckley 1, Murray 1, Streete 1.  
**CARDIFF CITY:** 41; Bishop 11, Stevens 11, Buchanan 6, Moore 3, Pontin 3, Lewis 2, Ronson 2, Hughes 1, Jones 1, Micallef 1.  
**CHARLTON ATHLETIC:** 39; Hales 8, Gritt 7, Robinson 7, Walker 4, Shaw 3, Berry 2, Powell 2, Tydeman 2, Madden 1, Ostergaard 1, Smith 1, Wilson 1.  
**CHELSEA:** 66; Walker 13, Fillery 11, Britton 10, Langley 10, Johnson 7, Frost 5, Bumstead 3, Chivers 2, Harris 2, Droy 1, Lee 1, Own Goal 1.  
**FULHAM:** 42; Davies 15, Lock 5, Beck 3, Gale 3, Maybank 3, Banton 2, Guthrie 2, Mahoney 2, Greenaway 1, Kitchen 1, Lewington 1, Marinello 1, O'Driscoll 1, Own Goals 2.  
**LEICESTER CITY:** 58; Young 14, Smith 12, Henderson 5, Goodwin 4, May 4, Kelly 3, Lineker 3, Peake 3, Edmunds 2, Rofe 2, Strickland 2, Wilson 2, Byrne 1, Williams 1.  
**LUTON TOWN:** 66; Moss 24, Hatton 18, Stein 8, Hill 6, Saxby 4, Grealish 2, West 2, Donaghy 1, Stephens 1.  
**NEWCASTLE UNITED:** 53; Shoulder 20, Withe 11, Cassidy 6, Rafferty 4, Cartwright 3, Barton 2, Connolly 2, Hibbitt 2, Davies 1, Ferguson 1, Shinton 1.  
**NOTTS COUNTY:** 51; O'Brien 10,

Christie 9, McCulloch 6, Hooks 5, Mair 5, Hunt 4, Masson 4, Benjamin 2, Blockley 2, Kilcline 1, Richards 1, Stubbs 1, Own Goal 1.  
**OLDHAM ATHLETIC:** 49; Stainrod 11, Steel 10, Halom 7, Atkinson 6, Wylde 4, Heaton 3, Kowenicki 3, Valentine 2, Clements 1, Holt 1, Wood 1.  
**ORIENT:** 48; Jennings 11, Mayo 11, Coates 9, Taylor 5, Chiedozi 3, Fisher 3, Margerrison 2, Godfrey 1, Penfold 1, Roffey 1, Went 1.

**PRESTON NORTH END:** 56; Elliott 16, Bruce 10, McGee 8, Thomson 6, Coleman 3, Elwiss 3, Baxter 2, Bell 2, Potts 1, Taylor 1, Own Goals 4.  
**QUEENS PARK RANGERS:** 75; Allen 28, Goddard 16, Roeder 9, Burke 4, McCreery 4, Currie 3, Bowles 2, Busby 2, Shanks 2, Gillard 1, Hazell 1, Waddock 1, Own Goals 2.  
**SHREWSBURY TOWN:** 60; Biggins 13; Keay 9, Maguire 9, Dungworth 7, King 7, Atkins 3, Birch 2, Chapman 2, Turner 2, Griffin 1, Mann 1, Tong 1, Own Goals 3.  
**SUNDERLAND:** 69; Robson 20, Cummins 12, Brown 9, Arnott 8, Elliott 4, Hawley 4, Marangoni 3, Buckley 2, Dunn 2, Clarke 1, Cooke 1, Gilbert 1, Lee 1, Own Goal 1.

**SWANSEA CITY:** 48; Giles 8, James (R) 7, Waddle 7, Craig 6, Charles 5, Toshack 4, Attley 3, Stevenson 3, Callaghan 1, James (L) 1, Own Goals 3.  
**WATFORD:** 39; Blissett 10, Jenkins 5, Bolton 4, Poskett 3, Roston 3, Booth 2, Mercer 2, Pritchett 2, Sims 2, Ward 2, Patching 1, Pollard 1, Train 1, Own Goal 1.  
**WEST HAM UNITED:** 54; Cross 13; Stewart 10, Devonshire 5, Pearson 5, Holland 4, Pike 4, Brooking 3, Allen 2, Martin 2, Bonds 1, Lansdowne 1, Morgan 1, Neighbour 1, Own Goals 2.  
**WREXHAM:** 40; McNeil 14, Vinter 11, Edwards 3, Jones (J) 3, Fox 2, Buxton 1, Carrodus 1, Davis 1, Giles 1, Hill 1, Sutton 1, Whittle 1.



Chelsea's leading marksman was Clive Walker, seen here scoring against Oldham at Stamford Bridge.

## FOURTH DIVISION

**ALDERSHOT:** 62; Garwood 10, Brodie 9, Dungworth 9, Needham 8, Crosby 6, French 5, McGregor 5, Edwards 3, Jopling 2, Dixon 1, Lucas 1, Scott 1, Own Goals 2.  
**AFC BOURNEMOUTH:** 52; Butler 11, MacDougall 8, Chambers 7, Givens 4, Holder 4, Massey 4, Borthwick 3, Bryant 2, Heffernan 2, Evanson 2, Townsend 2, Cunningham 1, Ferns 1, Own Goal 1.  
**BRADFORD CITY:** 77; McNiven 17, Staniforth 11, Dolan 9, Campbell 8, Baines 6, Black 4, Wood 4, Hutchins 3, Martinez 3, Chapman 2, Watson 2, Bates 1, Cooper 1, Gallagher 1, Jones 1, Podd 1, Own Goals 3.  
**CREWE ALEXANDRA:** 35; Nelson 8,

Guy 6, Hunter 4, Palios 4, Chester 3, Coyne 2, Scott 2, Conroy 1, Davies 1, Grobbelaar 1, McMahon 1, Own Goals 2.  
**DARLINGTON:** 50; Walsh 15, Stalker 12, McLean 4, Nattress 4, Hamilton 3, Ball 2, Taylor 2, Seal 2, Charlton 1, Smith 1, Own Goals 4.  
**DONCASTER ROVERS:** 62; Lister 12, Warboys 11, Nimmo 10, Lewis 5, Pugh 5, Bentley 2, Bradley 2, Dowd 2, Flanagan 2, Little 2, Mell 2, Riley 2, Snodin (G) 1, Snodin (I) 1, Own Goals 3.

**HALIFAX TOWN:** 46; Firth 8, Burke 6, Smith 6, Kennedy 4, Mountford 4, Dunleavy 3, Evans 3, Harris 3, Hendrie 3, Johnson 3, Stafford 1, Whiteley 1, Own Goal 1.  
**HARTLEPOOL UNITED:** 59; Houchen 14, Newton 12, Ayre 9, Hampton 7, Lawrence 6, Harding 3, Goldthorpe 2, Linacre 2, Brooks 1, Loadwick 1, McNamee 1, Own Goal 1.  
**HEREFORD UNITED:** 38; McGrellis 10, Binney 4, Feeley 3, Hunt 3, Jones 3, Cornes 2, Cunningham 2, Phillips 2, White 2, Emery 1, Burrows 1, Gilchrist 1, Marshall 1, Morris 1, Spiring 1, Own Goal 1.  
**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN:** 101; Robins 24, Fletcher 17, Kindon 14, Cowling 10, Stanton 10, Sutton 5, Hart 4, Laverick 4, Holmes 3, Brown 2, Hanvey 2, Robinson 2, Own Goals 4.  
**LINCOLN CITY:** 64; Harford 16, Cunningham 12, Hobson 10, Bell 5, Cockerill 3, Keeley 3, Carr 2, Ramsey 2, Shipley 2, Sunley 2, Guest 1, Peake 1, Saunders 1, Turner 1, Own Goals 3.  
**NEWPORT COUNTY:** 83; Aldridge 14, Vaughan 12, Oakes 11, Gwyther 8, Tynan 8, Lowndes 7, Goddard 6, Moore 5, Bruton (D) 4, Bailey 1, Bruton (M) 1, Relish 1, Thompson 1, Walden 1, Wariner 1, Own Goals 2.  
**NORTHAMPTON TOWN:** 51; Bowen 11, Farmer 6, Denyer 5, Ingram 4, Sargent 4, Byatt 3, Farrington 3, Reilly 3, Waddock 3, McCaffrey 2, Sandercock 2, Ward 2, Gage 1, O'Donoghue 1, Saunders 1.  
**PETERBOROUGH UNITED:** 58; Kellock 19, Syrett 11, Cliss 7, Parkinson 5, Robson 4, Quow 3, Chard 2, Lambert 2, Carmichael 1, Foster 1, Guy 1, Gynn 1, Phillips 1.  
**PORTSMOUTH:** 91; Garwood 17, Laidlaw 16, Hemmerman 13, Brisley 12, Rogers 9, Gregory 5, Ashworth 4, Aiz-

lewood 2, Bryant 2, Perrin 2, Davey 1, McLaughlin 1, Purdie 1, Todd 1, Showers 1, Own Goals 4.  
**PORT VALE:** 56; Chamberlain (N) 11, Wright 9, Sealy 6, Farrell 5, Griffiths 4, Beech 3, Owen 3, Sproson 3, Jones 2, Woolfall 2, Bromage 1, Elsbey 1, Harwood 1, Keenan 1, Todd 1, Tully 1, Own Goals 2.  
**ROCHDALE:** 33; Jones 9, Esser 5, Hilditch 3, Seal 3, Taylor 3, Weir 3, Hoy 1, McDermott 1, O'Loughlin 1, Scaife 1, Waldron 1, Wann 1, Own Goal 1.  
**SCUNTHORPE UNITED:** 58; Partridge 13, Cammack 12, Green 9, Pilling 9, Stewart 5, Oates 3, O'Berg 3, Davy 1, Earl 1, Kavanagh 1, Keeley 1.  
**STOCKPORT COUNTY:** 48; Prudham 9, Henson 8, Sword 8, Czuczman 7, Bradd 3, Booth 2, Sherlock 2, Chapman 1, Lee 1, Rutter 1, Summerbee 1, Sunley 1, Thorpe 1, Williams 1, Own Goals 2.  
**TORQUAY UNITED:** 70; Cooper 17, Lawrence 14, Murphy 10, Sermanni 6, Bourne 4, Cox 3, Davies 3, Larmour 3, Coffill 2, Ritchie 2, Twitchin 2, Jones 1, Levy 1, Smith 1, Own Goal 1.  
**TRANMERE ROVERS:** 50; Beamish 9, O'Neil 8, Kerr 6, Peplow 6, Craven 5, Evans 5, Kelly 4, Lumby 3, Bramhall 1, Edwards 1, Flood 1, Own Goal 1.  
**WALSALL:** 75; Penn 25, Buckley 16, McDonough 7, Caswell 6, Paul 5, Waddington 5, Rees 3, Serella 3, Kelly 1, Macken 1, Mower 1, Sbraglia 1, Williams (J) 1.  
**WIGAN ATHLETIC:** 76; Houghton 15, Gore 9, Quinn (A) 9, Shearer 9, Corrigan 7, Hinnigan 5, Wright 5, Urquhart 4, Moore 3, Brownbill 2, Methven 2, Davids 1, MacIvor 1, Purdie 1, Quinn (M) 1, Whittle 1, Own Goal 1.  
**YORK CITY:** 65; Eccles 9, Lorimer 8, McDonald 8, Randall 7, Wellings 7, Faulkner 5, Clements 3, Kay 3, Loggie 3, Staniforth 3, Byrne 2, Walsh 2, Ford 2, Hood 1, Pugh 1, Own Goal 1.



Aldershot's Colin Garwood goes close against Walsall at the Recreation Ground.





# SCOTLAND'S

# TOP HIT MAN

Somner adds to his total for the season with this penalty against Hibs.

**A** SUCCESSFUL striker is a brave striker. So it came as no surprise that St Mirren's Doug Somner was the most successful of them all last season in Scotland.

"Yes, suppose I might put my head where other players may think twice about putting their feet," he says simply. "But that's my game."

"I'm not the most elegant player in the world. I play to my strengths and I play to win."

That burning ambition to do well has taken the quietly-spoken Somner from relative obscurity to the headlines in recent years.

Last season he scored 31 goals for St Mirren and he says: "I would like to score more in the new term, but I won't be setting any targets."

## 'Success'

"I'm just going to try to score as many goals as I possibly can. The Saints had a bit of success last season when we won the Anglo-Scottish Cup and finished high enough in the League to stake a place in Europe via the UEFA Cup."

"It would be nice, though, to bring that Premier Division Championship to Love Street. Aberdeen showed last season that the Old Firm have no divine right to the title and we aim to follow their lead."

"We won't fail for the lack of trying, believe me."

Somner hasn't changed his style to get success. Even when he kicked off his career with Falkirk he was a good, old fashioned battering-ram of a centre-forward who made life hectic for opposing defences.

He never received the recogni-

tion that should have come his way at Brockville and moved on to Ayr United and then to Partick Thistle in a player swap deal.

St Mirren manager Jim Clunie, after selling Frank McGarvey to Liverpool, realised he was short on goal power and paid out a paltry £100,000 for Somner, who was in Thistle's reserve side at the time!

Somner moved into The Saints' forward line like he had been there all this life and last season was a personal triumph for the likeable marksman.

"It's the best £100,000 I've ever spent," says Clunie. "I had always been impressed by the player and I knew he could do a job for this club. I had every confidence in his ability."

Gordon Strachan, Aberdeen's superb midfield general, just pipped Somner in the voting for the Scottish Football Writers' Player of the Year award, but there is little doubt that the St Mirren player will take the title if he has an action replay of last year.

"That would be nice," says Somner, "but, really, I'm more concerned about the team than myself."

"St Mirren are not a one-man show. If I scored a lot of goals last season my team-mates must take great credit for setting them up. I'm just part of the machine at Love Street. I'm not in this game for personal glory."

"I want the team to win honours. The fans here have been wonderful to me and I would like to see them getting something in return."

"Manager Jim Clunie has really helped me pull my game together

after playing in the Partick reserve side, and I want to repay his faith in me with more goals."

Somner's determination to succeed is obvious, on and off the park. Defences have never enjoyed playing against him and one centre-half told **SHOOT:** "Somner's the type of player you would like to have in your team. He makes life hell for an opponent. One of the best hit-men in the business!"

The powerful goalscorer — a part-timer, by the way — pledges that a lot more grey hairs will be sprouting on opponents in the new season!

## LEADING SCOTTISH GOALSCORERS FOR 1979-80

### Premier Division

- 31 — Somner (St Mirren)
- 25 — Ritchie (Morton)
- 22 — Pettigrew (Dundee Utd)
- 21 — Archibald (Aberdeen, now Spurs), McAdam (Partick, now Rangers)
- 18 — Johnstone (Rangers)
- 16 — Thomson (Morton)
- 15 — Strachan, Jarvie (both Aberdeen)
- 14 — Doyle (Celtic)
- 13 — Sinclair (Dundee), Redford (Dundee, now Rangers)
- 10 — MacLeod, McAdam, Lennox (all Celtic), MacLeod (Hibs), Street (Kilmarnock)

### First Division

- 27 — Brogan (St Johnstone)
- 22 — Clark (Airdrie)
- 19 — McNaughton (Dunfermline)
- 18 — Frye (Ayr Utd), Miller (Clydebank), Gibson (Hearts)
- 15 — Sharp (Dumbarton, now Everton)
- 14 — Tait (Berwick), Graham (Hamilton), Irvine (Motherwell), McLaughlin (Motherwell, 3 for Ayr), Ballantyne, Harrow (both Raith), A Ken-

### nedy (Stirling)

- 13 — McGuire (Airdrie), Fairlie (Hamilton), Fraser, O'Connor (both Hearts), Kidd (Motherwell, 8 for Abroath)
  - 12 — Sweeney (Clydebank), B Gallacher (Dumbarton), Goldthorp (St Johnstone)
- ### Second Division
- 27 — I Campbell (Brechin)
  - 25 — Clark (Forfar)
  - 23 — Alexander (QOS), J Gillespie (Queens Park)
  - 20 — Jobson (Meadowbank)
  - 18 — Houston (Albion), Hood (Stranraer, 12 for Clyde)
  - 17 — Murray (Montrose)
  - 16 — Paterson (Brechin), Gibb (Stranraer)
  - 15 — Hancock (Stenhousemuir)
  - 14 — Campbell (Albion), Liddle (Cowdenbeath), Grant (E Stirling), Leation (Falkirk)
  - 13 — McIntosh (Alloa), W Steele (Cowdenbeath), Mitchell (Forfar), Robb (Montrose), Jack (Stenhousemuir)
  - 12 — Franchetti (Albion), Holt (Alloa), Phillips (QOS)



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# NOTTINGHAM'S OTHER TEAM

**A**S John McGovern hoisted the European Cup above his head in the Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid on May 28, few people gave a thought to the other team in Nottingham.

Notts County do not need reminding who have won all the honours these past three years. County, the oldest club in the Football League, have played Second Division football since 1973, and the continued success of the team on the opposite side of the Trent does nothing to help them along.

Ray O'Brien, a County defender since he arrived at Meadow Lane in a £40,000 transfer from Manchester United in March, 1974, knows only too well the pressures of living next door to the European Champions, but as he explains, there are no hard feelings between the clubs.

"We cannot afford to spend time worrying about how well Forest are playing.

## 'Worrying'

"We wish them all the best, and congratulate them on their win over Hamburger SV. But, to be honest, we don't let it worry us. If we did, it wouldn't be worth playing."

O'Brien has good reason to be more interested in the fortunes of County. For, after a promising start last year, they finished the season in 17th position. They won only four home games — the fewest in all four Divisions.

"It was a bad season for us. The joke is that I finished the season as our top scorer in the League with ten. They tell me I'm only the fourth full-back

to score ten goals in a season in Football League history.

"We started well, as we do quite often, but we just don't seem to have the strength in depth. When you have a small squad and are hit by injuries, you lose consistency, and can soon get into a losing rut."

Notts County manager Jimmy Sirrel is well aware of the problem. In a bid to strengthen his squad, he has recently signed Rachid Har-kouk from Q.P.R. But it was Sirrel's second capture this summer which highlighted his cunning in the transfer market.

He persuaded Eddie Kelly to join the club after captaining Leicester City to the Second Division Championship.

"Eddie did a fine job at Leicester, and I think he and Don Masson will combine well in our midfield," says O'Brien. "Rachid looked promising when he began his career at Crystal Palace. I just hope he can get some goals for us."

O'Brien's success as a marksman last season — his goals included six penalties — not only rescued County from a possible drop into the Third Division, but gave him another chance to represent the Republic of Ireland against Argentina in May.

"That was an honour, but I played in midfield, and I got the feeling that I was only in to score. I would rather be picked on merit as a full-back, my true position."

O'Brien is happy with his performances at the back for County. "We conceded fewer goals last season than we have for a long time, and for some strange reason our performances were better away from home.

"The fans were getting a little restless — who can blame them? — after we gave some poor performances and began our slide.

"Even so, they have been good and haven't drifted to Forest as many people might expect.

"Football followers in Nottingham are completely divided. They either go to Forest or County, not both.

"And our fans tend to stick with us when the going gets rough. It would be nice to be able to give them something to cheer about in the new season."



Goalscoring full-back Ray O'Brien.

**A**LL players are aware that one mistimed tackle, a slip during training or an awkward fall, could result in an injury bad enough to finish his career.

It's a nightmare professional sportsmen have learned to endure. They have to.

Go out on to the field fearing injury and you might as well pack up.

I've seen it happen too often. Players who don't tackle as hard as they should, go for the half-chance or offer total commitment to the team.

Players don't usually discuss injuries unless a club-mate receives a bad one . . . like Trevor Francis' recent Achilles tendon which is likely to keep him out of action for another few months at least.

This is the injury footballers fear the most. It takes a long, long while to heal and even then he might not recover fully.

The Achilles tendon is a thick, cord-like extension to the calf muscle. It binds the muscle to the heel bone, giving power to the foot.

A sudden twist or wrench can rip the tendon away from the heel bone.

This is what happened to Trevor when he was going for a ball when we were 4-0 up against Crystal

Chelsea's John Bumstead is helped off the field after fracturing an ankle last season.

Palace at the City Ground on May 3rd.

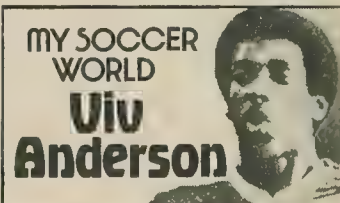
Treatment and an operation have to be undertaken as soon as possible. Leave this type of injury for very long and the damage could be permanent. Yes, it's as serious as that.

Trevor was operated on and put in plaster within 48 hours of the accident.

We were all upset for Trev, especially as the injury happened so close to the European Cup Final.

Injury, especially a serious one, tends to isolate a player from the rest of the team.

You are in hospital while the others are training and playing and then often have to spend a long while at home recovering.







Unless other players are also injured, you often have to receive treatment at the club when there's no one else around save for the physiotherapist.

You also miss the club gossip and calls from the Press.

While Trevor was in hospital all the lads visited him and tried to cheer him up.

Naturally, he was depressed at times. Not only did he miss the European Cup Final, but England's trip to Italy... and the possible £2 million move to Barcelona.

Apparently Trevor spent a couple of days with Barcelona while he was on holiday and recuperating at a friend's villa in the South of France.

From what I can gather, the Spaniards are going to keep in touch with Forest and may make another approach when Trevor is playing again, possibly in October.

Whatever happens, Forest won't

let Trev come back too soon.

I remember Colin Barrett receiving a serious knee injury a couple of seasons ago and then kept breaking down because he attempted to rush back into action.

Do you know, someone actually suggested that Forest approached our remaining League matches prior to the European Cup Final with Trevor Francis in mind... that we actually didn't try too hard against Arsenal or Wolves because we didn't want to get hurt.

That fellow, a journalist from London, received an earful from me and the rest of the lads, I can tell you. He obviously doesn't know Brian Clough or Peter Taylor very well.

As you may recall we drew 0-0 at Highbury and lost 3-1 at Molineux, but they were two matches Forest badly wanted to win.

Brian Clough had told us our

than others..

I don't know... could be training methods.

Maybe they overtrain and players are stretched too severely before getting down to the serious action.

Forest don't do a lot of really hard training during the season. It's mostly ball work and toning up exercises.

Mind you, Forest have had their share of injury problems in the past. At one time we had nine cases of knee injuries. No reason... it was simply just one of those things.

I was one of those stricken players.

My injury was caused at the end of a season while playing for the reserves against Liverpool.

Their Alec Lindsay came in to the tackle and took me AND the ball.

It was a pure accident, but it left me with torn knee ligaments.

I was only 19 and trying to estab-

# 'The injury players fear most'

*Trevor Francis in his last game for England, against Spain, before an Achilles tendon injury ruled him out of the European Championship.*

League position was academic but we had to go all out to establish a rhythm in the side.

It's vital that a team is geared up all the time, irrespective of League position, opposition... or the thought of possible injury putting you out of a Cup Final.

If any Forest player gives less than 100 per cent, the boss will quickly have him out of the team.

Some players have theories how to avoid injury... I haven't.

## Accidents

I don't think you can make plans to steer clear of injury because most are caused by accidents.

Sure, you get the odd bad tackle, but mostly it's twists, pulls or strains.

In this country you don't get many players that will deliberately go out to injure an opponent. We are all in this game to earn a living.

Usually the "bad boys" are quickly sorted out by a player tougher and more ruthless.

It's different on the Continent, of course. There, fouls are part of the game. Quite often a defender will be told to stop his opponent at all costs.

How often have you watched a European Cup-tie on telly and winced at some of the tackles and tactics employed by foreigners?

One thing I'm often asked is why certain clubs suffer more injuries

lish myself at Forest so was naturally very worried.

There were spells of depression when I feared I would never play again.

But after treatment and a good rest I eventually recovered, made the first team and have never looked back.

I'll never forget former player Liam O'Kane, who is now on the coaching staff at the City Ground.

He had a similar injury at the time and drove me to and from Mansfield every day for treatment.

We got to know each other well during that time and it was his good humour which helped to keep my spirits up.

When players get injured at Forest they don't see a great deal of Brian Clough or Peter Taylor.

They're too involved with the rest of the lads and prefer to let our physio Tony Verity get on with the job.

Mind you they will always ask for reports... and send along the odd bunch of grapes.

My advice to players when injured is listen to what the doctor has to say... don't rush back and never give up hope even when the specialists say you're finished.

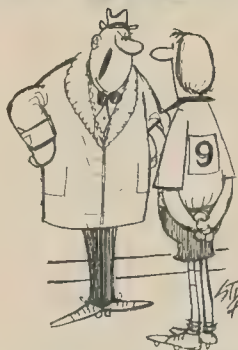
If you can walk there's hope. Just ask Eddie Gray and Jimmy Greenhoff.

*Kid Andrew*

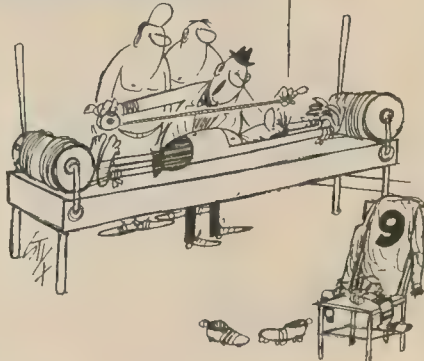




# FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"Not quite boys — I want him stretched at least another five inches."

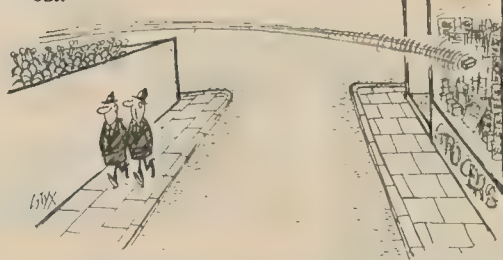


"And when you're in possession of the ball inside their penalty-area — DON'T play safe and pass it back to our goalkeeper."

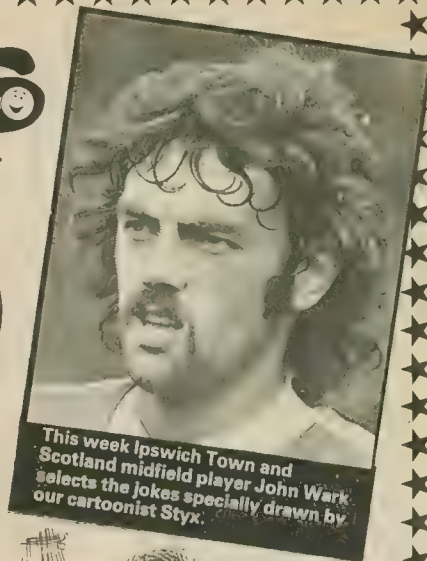


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**P**ARTICK THISTLE manager Bertie Auld isn't the happiest man around at the moment watching his side falling apart as players leave at a frightening rate.

Under the new Freedom of Contract, there has been a flood of players waiting to leave the club.

Colin McAdam went to Rangers and his striking partner Jim Melrose went to Leicester City. Rangers and Aberdeen are interested in left-back Brian Whittaker, who, like McAdam and Melrose, has come to the end of his contract with the part-time Firhill club.

Donald Park, the tireless midfielder, is in the same situation and Hibs could make a move for this former Hearts player.

John Marr, Ian Gibson and Andy Anderson are three other Partick Thistle players who could be on the move in a mass clear-out that leaves Auld with a major headache.

McAdam and Melrose teamed up to score almost 40 goals for

Thistle last season. Those goals brought Premier Division safety to the club. Now Auld will have to replace that strike force.

"I'm disappointed at the lack of loyalty shown by some players," says Auld. "Considering the money we have offered, plus their jobs, our players must be better off than most full-time professionals."

Players don't like bringing their wages structure out into the open — they believe that is a matter for the club and the individual — but it is believed that Thistle's part-timers will be on £90 per week with something in the region of £40 extra per point. That's not bad cash for a part-time club and certainly international goalkeeper Alan Rough isn't complaining.

He owns a pub — The Goalpost — just a short corner-kick from Firhill and with other interests he is a well-off young man. At least he has shown loyalty to Partick Thistle.

However, he will probably be one of the busiest players in the



Top Ten in the new season as Thistle fight for survival with what could well be a patchwork line-up.

Bertie Auld has already worked well in the transfer market and, near the end of last season, he bought Tony Higgins, from Hibs, and John Lapsley, from Airdrie. It was as though he realised there was a crisis just around the corner.

Auld has kept Thistle alive in the cut-throat world of the Premier Division, but the end could be in sight because of the wholesale clearances that are on the cards.

They may have been labelled a defensive team in the past, but who could blame Auld for shutting up shop next season?

Thistle will go into action without their best players and the attitude of the remainder cannot be at its best. Morale will probably be low. Spirits may be sagging.

It would be a shame if the new Freedom of Contract code killed off Partick Thistle. It could be a boom for players, but it could be doom for the clubs.

Partick Thistle have felt the brunt of it in this close season, but whose turn will it be next? Kilmarnock? Hearts? Hibs? It's a frightening thought.

Partick Thistle have now been renamed rather cruelly by the cynics. They are now known as Paralysed Thistle.

Bertie Auld can't see the funny side of that joke.

# Why Partick are now known as Paralysed Thistle

Partick manager Bertie Auld (centre) could lose the majority of his team under the Freedom of Contract rule, including the highly-rated Ian Gibson (above).





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**T**HE European Championship was memorable more for its disappointing standard, but the Final produced a game to cherish. West Germany overcame a stubborn Belgium side to win 2-1 with a dramatic last-gasp header from Horst Hrubesch (above). The Germans showed style, pace, flair and steel, underlining their position as Kings of European football over the past ten years. Belgium did well, better than even they expected, but at the end of the day West Germany showed yet again they can reach heights other countries can't manage. Below two-goal hero Hrubesch and Manny Kaltz with the European Championship. Now for Spain '82.



**SHOOT!**



IT happened in Crete, I'm assured. A player walking beside a church was hit by a bell falling from the tower.

The ambulance that took him to hospital with a fractured skull had two collisions.

At the hospital the doctors decided that special treatment was needed and sent him to Athens.

The aircraft developed technical trouble and was delayed 14 hours.

His troubles were still not over on arrival (finally!) at hospital in Athens, the surgeon who was to operate on him, slipped and broke his leg in the theatre.

This caused a five hour delay until a new neurological surgeon was found. The player? He survived!

ITALY did have one victory during the European Championship. An Italian Press XI beat journalists from The Rest of the World 5-3. Star of the World's side was BBC radio commentator Alan Parry, who showed he doesn't just talk a good game of football.

## WORLD WIDE



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## COFFEE HELPS BRAZIL

BRAZIL have signed a sponsorship contract with the Brazilian Coffee Institute. For the remainder of 1980 the CBF will receive £380,000 in fees. The contract, which runs for five years, will have the fee adjusted annually. This sponsorship will mean that Brazil will possibly have to alter their playing uniform or their badge, because a National Sports Council resolution prohibits the use of advertising on the players' shirts.



# Maradona held by police

**S**TAR Argentine midfielder Diego Maradona was held by police in Buenos Aires after allegations that he had struck a fan.

Maradona was about to go to a cinema when police arrested him. They accused Maradona of striking 16-year-old Ruben Freitas, who had tried to obtain the Argentinian star's autograph.

Maradona was alleged to have hit the boy, cutting his lip.

Maradona admitted that he had hit the fan "because he involved my mother, and I won't allow anyone to do that." Maradona said that the fan insulted his mother "without any reason for doing so, and I could not control myself."

If official proceedings are to be brought, it could complicate his possible transfer to Barcelona.



## TREVOR GETS THE BOOT

DESPITE missing the European Cup Final and European Championship with an Achilles tendon problem, Trevor Francis is still one of the most sought-after international stars.

The Nottingham Forest and England striker has just become the first British player to have an Adidas soccer boot named after him, following in the footsteps of household names such as Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Müller.

Graham Smith, the company's British public relations manager, told me: "Despite Trevor's injury, we still believe he will reach the same status as Beckenbauer and others."

I understand the Forest star could earn in the region of £100,000 during his three-year Adidas contract.

LAURIE Cunningham and the rest of the Real Madrid touring party were detained by the Venezuelan police when they were travelling in an area near the border with Colombia. The squad were travelling in the team bus, and when police discovered they didn't have their passports with them, the Real party was promptly detained as suspected illegal immigrants!

## Another year for Pirri

SPAIN'S longest-running sports paper, *Mundo Deportivo*, has named Betis left-back Rafael Gordillo as their player of the season, based on match ratings throughout the campaign.

It's interesting to note, though, that the man with the highest rating per game is none other than Real Madrid captain Pirri who, at the age of 35, has produced some of the best form of his career.



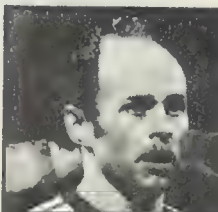
Pirri (left) had announced his retirement for the end of this season, but his good performances have persuaded him to stay on for another year.

By the way, Pirri's Real Madrid team-mate, Laurie Cunningham, finished 75th.

● Former Real defender Jose Santamaria is Spain's new manager following the resignation of Ladislao Kubala.

## News flashes

● Stal Mielec have decided to let Poland's top striker Grzegorz Lato (below) go but the right-winger is not sure who to join. He will go to France and FC Metz, if they keep his old team-mate Henryk Kasperczak as coach, but not if they release their Polish boss.



● Fans have argued for years that greengrocers, bakers and chemists do not know much about football and the same has been said about doctors. But MSV Duisberg in West Germany have five directors and two of them are practising doctors!



● Zico's (right) new contract with his club Flamengo will bring him in a net sum of £10,000 per month, exclusive of bonuses, and outside interests. This is a new record for a Brazilian footballer.

● Gerd Weber of Dynamo Dresden is specialising in scoring milestone goals. He scored Dynamo's 1,000th League goal against Frankfurt Vorwärts, then East Germany's 350th goal in internationals — against Greece.

● In season 1979-80, Hamburger SV took in more than £1 million at the gate.

● Having missed out on

signing Italian international centre-forward Francesco Graziani, VfB Stuttgart have now switched their attention to the French sweeper Marius Tresor (left) and left-winger Didier Six, both from Olympique Marseille.



● Racing Strasbourg manager Gilbert Gress is doing a three-week coaching course this month in a bid to get his manager's diploma. The man who led Strasbourg to the French League title and the European Cup Quarter-Finals this year, isn't qualified as a manager.

## Brazil boss to go-after one loss

**S**OOON after the junior Brazilian team won the Toulon tournament, bringing back some much-needed international prestige to Brazilian football, the full Brazilian team lost 2-1 to the Soviet Union in Maracana, arousing a furore that may end with the dismissal of new manager Telê Santana (left).

The reasons for that are manifold. First of all, football and national politics go arm in arm in Brazil right now. The President of the Football Association, Senhor Giulite Coutinho, is a good friend of the President of the Republic, Senhor João Figueiredo, and naturally anxious to ease the tensions that exist in the country, with inflation dangerously approaching the 100 per cent notch.

In Brazil there is nothing better to ease tensions than success in football.

So, CBF (the Brazilian Football Association) are in a hurry. To compound the problems, there are the 'ghosts' of former managers Cláudio Coutinho and Mário Zagalo. Both managers have made themselves very conspicuous in the last few weeks.

Coutinho went to Europe, "to study the European Championship," boosting his image as "an intellectual of football", while Zagalo talked at length with Giulite Coutinho as one of the guests of a dinner to celebrate ten years since Brazil last won the World Cup.

The main dish at the dinner was the shortcomings of Telê Santana (left) as viewed by Mário Zagalo.

Santana's enemies (several of them in the Press) are breathing down the neck of the Brazilian Football Association. Brazilian football is immersed in the wrong kind of politics.

● Brazil have since beaten Chile 2-1 and drew 1-1 with Poland. In both games their form was poor.

BRAZIL'S World Cup qualifying match in La Paz is starting to worry the Brazilian Press because La Paz is situated at 11,483.5 ft above sea level. The Press have been writing that Brazil should spend 10-15 days training in Brazil at 1,000 metres (3,281 ft) and then spend 25 days in Bogota, Colombia (7,874.4 ft), come down to play in Caracas against Venezuela then depart immediately for La Paz for the match three days later.

For the record, Brazil have played twice in La Paz, losing on both occasions by 1-0. In the first match they arrived direct from Brazil with no altitude training, and the second arriving on the day of the match — also without altitude training.

PERUVIAN international defender Julio Melendez finally hung up his boots at the end of last season at the ripe old age of 39. He promptly emigrated to Canada, and apparently he's now been persuaded to return to active football with Toronto!

Ah well, they say life begins at 40.



**D**ARLINGTON manager Billy Elliott is one of football's resilient characters. In 1978-79 he took high-flying Sunderland to within a hairsbreadth of promotion when he was boss at Roker Park and last term he was plagued with re-election problems at Darlington — but he is philosophic about his change in life-style.

"I'm not moaning about the way things have turned out. There isn't a manager in the game who hasn't had his share of ups and downs, and I reckon I'm no exception."

It was in December, 1978, that

"So I've brought on youngsters, including 17-year-old Donald Ball, and Kevin Smith, who is 19. I've also signed 20-year-old John Stalker on a free transfer from Leicester, on the understanding that they will get the first £5,000 of any subsequent transfer deal in which he is involved — and several clubs are interested in him.

"Preferably, I like to sign players who are two-dimensional. For example, when I coached at Sunderland under Alan Brown, I watched Dave Watson on several occasions, and told Alan that Wat-

## Elliott prefers two-dimensional players

Elliott was appointed caretaker-manager at Sunderland, following attempts by the Roker board to lure big-name bosses such as Bobby Robson, Brian Clough and Lawrie McMenemy to Wearside.

And the reason that Elliott was engaged by Sunderland on a short-time basis was because the club were confident that Robson could be talked into leaving Ipswich at the end of that season — he came from County Durham and was reputed to have a soft spot for the North-East.

But Robson elected to stay in East Anglia, and Sunderland went on under Elliott to lose only four out of their 23 League matches, playing in their last game of the season at Wrexham where victory was essential.

Sunderland won, but were forced into fourth place when Stoke City defeated Notts County by a late away goal, and Burnley lost to Crystal Palace.

### 'Available'

Looking back, Elliott says: "If the money had been made available to me, as it was to Ken Knighton, Sunderland would have been in the First Division last season."

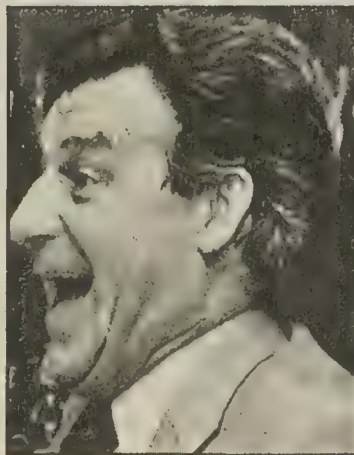
Darlington, who had wanted Elliott before Sunderland made their surprise move to make him caretaker-manager, again offered him the job of boss at Feethams after he left Roker — but the move from the plush surroundings of the Second Division club to the bread-and-butter world of Fourth Division football was one that required adjustment.

Elliott recalls: "If I had known then what I know now, my answer to Darlington would have been no.

"However, I'm grateful to the chairman, Les Moore, for asking me a second time to become boss.

"At Darlington, the team was made up of players whose contracts, in most cases, are due to end this summer, which means that from this time on I shall be able to turn out a side which is entirely of my own choosing.

"To put it mildly, I wasn't pleased with the attitude of part of the squad I inherited, and quite frankly, Feethams was in a mess.



son was a natural centre-half. But Sunderland used him originally as a centre-forward, and if I can use a player satisfactorily in more than one position I'm happy.

"As well as searching for the right sort of players for Darlington, I've also been busy on ground improvements. There have been dressing room alterations, a new office block, kit and boot-room, and the club is in much better shape now than when I took over."

Elliott, still living in Sunderland, had earlier associations with the club as a player, and then, as coach, was with the Weariders during their 1973 F.A. Cup Final win over Leeds.

Sacked by them a few days after the Wembley triumph, he took Sunderland to an industrial tribunal, and was awarded £1,448 for unfair dismissal.

And speaking of his short spell at Roker as manager, he says: "The Sunderland directors made me no promises except to review my position at the end of the season. I took a gamble in accepting, and would take the same gamble again."

With Darlington, Elliott and his right-hand man, Jimmy Shoulder, have recently signed four-year contracts. And Elliott says: "Despite ending last season third from the bottom of the Fourth Division, I think we've laid the foundations for a successful future for the club.

"We've reached the stage where the youngsters are beginning to show they've learned from their first team experience, and I forecast they will get the results to prove this."

# Clough reject who made good

**W**E all like a story with a happy ending, and there is such a story behind the naming of Stephen Baines in the PFA's Divisional awards last season.

The former Bradford City centre-back who recently signed for Walsall to become manager Alan Buckley's first Football League signing is a Brian Clough reject.

That would have been enough to put some people off for life, but not the muscle-bound Baines who has fought every inch of the way back to prove the Nottingham Forest manager wrong.

Born in Newark 25 years ago, Baines set his heart on playing for his favourite club, and the omens were good when he joined Forest straight from school at 15.

But after only two opportunities in the first team at the City Ground, Baines was told by Cloughie that he wasn't good enough and wouldn't make the grade.

"I still have a lot of respect for the man even though he did give me the sack, and Forest's is the first result I always look for," he says.

After leaving Forest he was given another chance by Huddersfield Town, who saw him as the perfect stopper to fill the heart of their defence.

They were right, but when Bradford City came forward with a cheque for £18,000 on transfer deadline day in March, 1978, Huddersfield decided to accept.

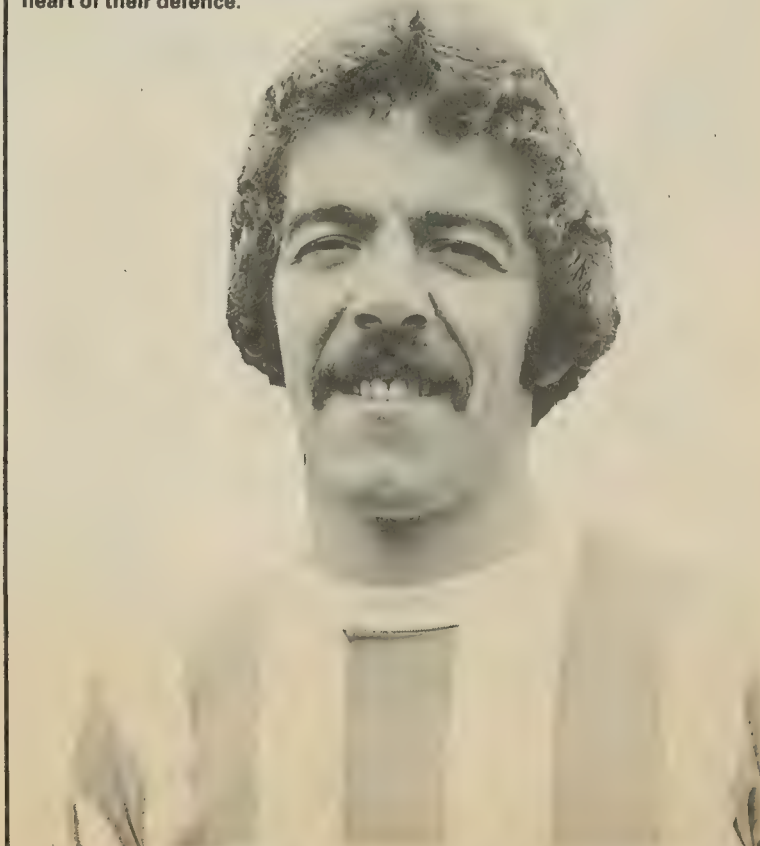
As far as Bradford are concerned it was one of the best day's business they've ever done.

For now they are asking for a fee somewhere in the region of £80,000 for Baines, a matter which will be settled by the League Tribunal.

Yet he feels in all honesty that he might have won the award earlier than last season.

"I thought I had a good campaign a couple of years ago, but when your team is midway or struggling then obviously you don't get the kind of attention you receive when you are on top. It certainly helps when the team is doing well."

The truth of that comment was borne out by the selection of this year's Fourth Division team which included eight players from clubs in the promotion hunt — Baines, Keith Oakes, of Newport, Terry Brisley and Joe Laidlaw, of Portsmouth, Alan Buckley and Don Penn of Walsall, and Malcolm Brown and Ian Robbins of Huddersfield Town.





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## Last for Kevin

Where, and when, did Kevin Keegan play his last League game for Liverpool before going to Hamburger SV?

**SHADIN OSMAND,**  
MALAYSIA

It was in a 0-0 home draw with West Ham on 14th May, 1977, Shadin — the game which made sure Liverpool became the first club, since Wolves in 1959, to win the League Championship two seasons running.

## Dead heat

If, at the end of the season, two teams have the same number of points — plus an identical goal difference — is there any way of placing one above the other?

**IAN McCLENAHAN,**  
Co. ANTRIM

Can't say world wide, Ian, but the Football League certainly have their own solution handy.

They make the "winner" that club which has scored the most goals. If it's still all-square after that — and

the Championship, promotion, or relegation is at stake — then there's a provision for the two clubs to play-off a deciding match (or matches, if necessary) on a neutral ground to sort it out.

## Shortest and tallest

Who were the shortest, and tallest, goalkeepers to play for England in a full



Joe Corrigan

international?

**ALISTAIR CRAWFORD,**  
NEW ZEALAND

Shortest was Sheffield Wednesday's Teddy Davison, Alistair, who played against Wales in 1922.

He was just 5ft. 7ins. — that's nearly two and a half feet less than the height of the crossbar.

Tallest has been Manchester City's current star, Joe Corrigan — at 6ft. 4½ins.

## Hat-trick hero

Who's scored the most Football League hat-tricks in a single season?

**RUPERT WADSWORTH,**  
BLACKPOOL

George Camsell holds that record, Rupert. Amongst his 59 goals in 37 Second Division games for Middlesbrough in 1926-27 were no fewer than

nine hat-tricks.

Most in a career is 37 by "Dixie" Dean — who beat Camsell's record seasonal aggregate by scoring 60 goals for Everton the following year — in his 18 seasons in the League.

## International careers

Can you tell me how many full international games were played by former stars Willie Morgan, Pat Crerand, and Ian Storey-Moore?

**RICKY WEIGHT,**  
U.S.A.

Morgan played 21 times for Scotland, Ricky, and Crerand had 16 games.

Storey-Moore had just one full game for England before injury cut short his career.

## SHORT PASSES



Nottingham Forest's first major honour was winning the F.A. Cup in 1897-98 — beating Derby 3-1 in the Final.

(CHRIS COOKE, Uxbridge)

Yorkshire and England wicket-keeper David Bairstow played five League games for Bradford City in each of the 1971-72 and 1972-73 seasons.

(ANTHONY ROGERS, Ilkley)

The Stamford Bridge gate was 27,621 when Chelsea beat Jeunesse Hautcharage 13-0 in a European Cup-Winners' Cup tie on 29th September, 1971.

(RUTH HOLDEN, Tidworth)

England manager Ron Greenwood gained a League Championship medal with Chelsea in 1954-55.

(JAIN HILLEARY, Warminster)

Pat Jennings played 48 League games for Watford, and 472 for Spurs, before joining Arsenal in August, 1977.

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**T**HE European Championship has gone. The 1982 World Cup qualifying ties are already underway. And if Italy '80 was anything to go by, Spain '82 will be a disaster.

The recent European Championship showed just how much the standard of football has dropped over the past ten years. Having eight Finalists instead of four was not a success and to have 24 Finalists in Spain promises new heights of mediocrity.

F.I.F.A. must look very closely at the European tournament and realise that fans will not turn up to see two foreign countries playing while the game is being televised live.

All major Finals in future must also be on a straight knockout basis. The present set-up is becoming ludicrous.

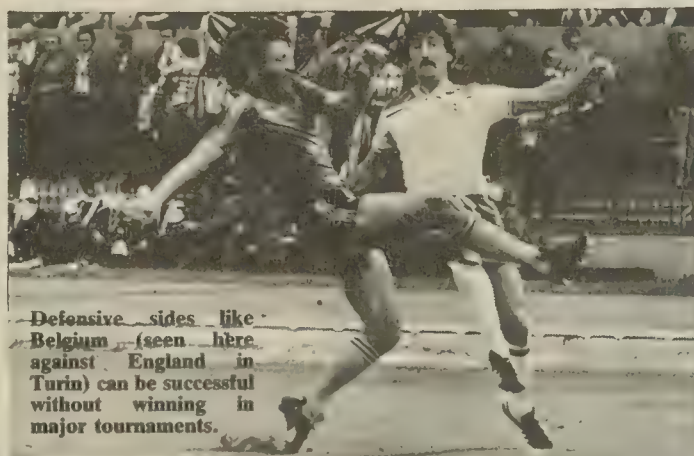
Italy failed to qualify for the European Championship Final yet they didn't lose a game or concede a goal. West Germany could have reached the Final by losing their last qualifier against Greece.

### Defensive

Ties on a mini-League basis encourage defensive football. Well as Belgium did in Italy, their success was based on a sound defence. Had the match against England been sudden death, would they have played for a draw as they did in Turin?

If the 1984 European Championship Finals comprise eight teams, the competition must be on a knockout basis. Four First Round ties, two Semi-Finals and a Final, with a Third Place play-off for the losing Semi-Finalists.

I dread to think what will happen in Spain, with so many teams and fans in a country that is already choc-a-bloc during June and July. The Spanish police must start preparing for this invasion, especially as two British sides



Defensive sides like Belgium (seen here against England in Turin) can be successful without winning in major tournaments.

## HEADING FOR WORLD CUP DISASTER?

could be there.

In fairness, the trouble in Turin was caused by a minority of so-called supporters. Apparently, there was friction between West Ham and Millwall followers which was made worse by Italians taunting them when Belgium equalised.

The majority of England fans in Italy were a credit to their team and country, but their patriotism was overshadowed. The prospect of England and Scotland followers being in Spain together is good reason to watch the World Cup on TV.

And it is television which seems to dictate major Finals. U.E.F.A. supremo Hans Bangert was

quoted as calling the one million pounds paid for the European Championship miserly. He's right of course.

Television is necessary, but there is a strong argument for games not being televised live in the city in which they're played.

Empty stadiums, such as we saw in Italy, don't promote good football and there was a distinct lack of atmosphere at most games in Italy, just as there was in Argentina two years previously.

The authorities must have lost a fortune on the European Championship. With such a pittance coming from TV and so few fans through the turnstiles, Finals must be streamlined in

future with fewer teams and less games which will hopefully raise the standard of football.

Italy didn't lose a game by finishing third, just as Brazil didn't in the 1978 World Cup. It is ironic that both the last two World Cup winners were beaten during the Finals (Argentina by Italy and West Germany by East Germany).

Somehow it is wrong that a side can win a Cup yet still lose one of the ties, while a side can remain unbeaten and not win the Cup.

Even the fans back home lose interest as a tournament drags on. Ron Greenwood made the valid point that a team can work hard to qualify and on a knockout system can be out of the competition after one game, where the present set-up gives you a second and even a third chance.

True, but surely the good of football is more important than one country's plight and the way things are now gives sides a licence to defend.

Coaches must be encouraged to tell their players to be bold. The 1980 European Cup and Cup-Winners' Cups were awful to watch, and if there aren't drastic changes the 80's could see the game decline rapidly.

It is not too much of an exaggeration to say that having reached a European Final, the underdogs can sit back, organise themselves at the back (which isn't difficult) and hope to win on penalties, boring everyone in the process. Somehow, it was fitting that Valencia should sack Alfredo di Stefano after that shambles in Brussels.

The 70's saw some truly great players and football. Brazil in Mexico, the Dutch, Germans, Argentines, Liverpool... but the outlook for the 80's isn't bright unless there is a major rethink by those who run the game and presumably have its good at heart.

CHRIS DAVIES



Empty places in the grounds during the European Championship proved that the present League system in Finals is not a good one.



# Walsall's Penn pushing for promotion again



**F**OR Don Penn, Walsall's 20-year-old goal-scoring sensation, 1979-80 was quite a season. In The Saddlers' promotion campaign the exciting young hot-shot was voted into the Fourth Division P.F.A. team.

Added to that, amid fierce competition from Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans and Gary Shaw, he won the A.T.V. Midlands Young Player of the Year award — the first player from the Fourth Division to carry off the trophy.

Penn, likeable and intelligent, says: "It came as a complete surprise. A lot of good players were in the running and I didn't think I'd much of a chance. I'm glad I won it, though. It was certainly a boost to my confidence."

## Contention

With 26 goals to his tally, Penn was also in contention to top the Fourth Division goalscoring charts, but lost out to Aldershot's Colin Garwood and Huddersfield's Ian Robbins.

"That's my own fault," says Don. "If I'd snapped up half the chances that were created for me, then I'd have run away with it. I should have ended the season with 40 goals. I think it was lack of experience really, but next season I'll be aiming for 30 or 40."

"At Walsall I'm given a free role, which helps tremendously. I wear the number seven shirt, but I'm not a right-winger. I move about. I play in the middle, on the left, sometimes I drop into midfield and help out there."

"Most of my goals come from the centre-forward spot. Roy McDonagh flicks the ball on

and I just seem to be in the right position to knock them in."

"Player-manager Alan Buckley has passed on plenty of advice, not only to me, but to all the other players. With him playing in the side it's an added advantage. He can see what's going on around the field and give instant instructions to everybody."

"The same thing happens with Tony Macken and the other experienced players at Walsall. They settle us down when we start to get over excited. I think the calming influence had a lot to do with our winning promotion."

"From a team's point of view we always knew that we could bounce straight back into the Third Division after suffering relegation last time round."

"The season really went as planned. It fell flat towards the final stages, because we should have won the Championship as well. Earlier on in the season we were dropping points against the poorer teams, drawing instead of beating them. In the final analysis that's what cost us the title — and we know it."

"Nevertheless, everyone at Fellows Park is delighted with the success of the team. We're a combination of youth and experience."

"You have to set yourself a target and ours is very definitely promotion again next season. There's no point in playing if you don't want to progress."

"We've just got to get a little more consistency into our game and stop dropping stupid points. But we've had the whole of the close season to put things like that right."

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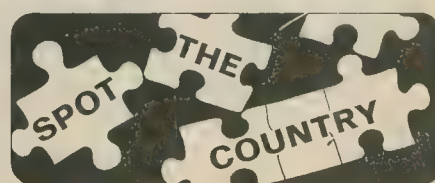
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**T**HE harsh realities of Second Division life were brought home heavily to Terry Hibbitt, last season. Hibbitt, the Newcastle skipper and midfield motivator, has just completed his second season in Division Two football after spending 13 years of his career in Division One.

The grim realities of Second Division life are seen in sharp focus through the eyes of a First Division player. Those used to the excitement, glamour and prestige of matches at Anfield, Old Trafford, Goodison Park and Highbury know only too well the disappointment felt at grounds such as Boundary Park, Oldham, the Abbey Stadium, Cambridge and Meadow Lane,

ent type of game, you must attain a high degree of consistency to win promotion. You have to be fit and in top form, every week. Also, if you run into a sticky patch as a First Division player, others can help you get out of it. But it's not so easy for Second Division players to do that.

"Playing in front of crowds of 5,000 at some places makes it hard to motivate yourself.

"It's up to the individual to make his own atmosphere and in my mind, there's no doubt that it takes a while for most players to do that."

Perhaps Hibbitt's thoughts explain just why sides like Newcastle, West Ham, Chelsea and others

**W**OLVES' midfield man Kenny Hibbitt is never afraid to go out on a limb and make predictions. Last season he forecast that his team would win a trophy and they obliged by lifting the League Cup. For 1980-81, his prophesy is that the Molineux club will finish in the top three, and he has valid reasons for his confidence.

"We are a well-balanced side right through," says Kenny. "Emlyn Hughes has supplied valuable experience at the back; Andy Gray gives extra punch up-front; and in midfield, Willie Carr made last season his best ever.

"The funny thing is that when John Barnwell took over as manager, Willie was out of the team,

trips to Europe last season to watch the Continentals in action, so we won't be unprepared. One thing we are aware of is that we will have to slow our game down at times when we are abroad, and be careful not to commit too many men to attack.

"I'm hoping to score a few more goals, and if possible, keep playing regularly. In 1979-80 I was out for five weeks through injury, and I don't want to be out again when Wolves are involved in League or Cup issues.

"There will be too much at stake for me to be out of the team — and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that my form will be good enough to enable me to retain a regular

# Kenny makes life hard for brother Terry

Notts County.

Hibbitt has also seen brother Kenny pick up another major honour in his career by helping Wolves win the League Cup in 1979-80. That, too, makes life harder for Terry, even though he was the first to congratulate his brother on Wolves' triumph at Wembley.

"When you have been in First Division football for so long it is a big disappointment to be facing another season in Division Two," says Terry. "It takes time to adjust and maybe that's the reason Newcastle have taken so long to come to terms with Second Division football. Clubs like Newcastle — and West Ham are another fine example — are used to a higher standard of football.

"You have to readjust to a differ-

ent type of game, you must attain a high degree of consistency to win promotion. You have to be fit and in top form, every week. Also, if you run into a sticky patch as a First Division player, others can help you get out of it. But it's not so easy for Second Division players to do that.

"The gap exists, but it's more between the teams within the First, than between the two Divisions. Most teams in the Second could compete against the First Two Division sides. The top clubs in the First are different; perhaps six who are virtually in a super League of their own."

## Master

At 32, Terry Hibbitt is still a master of his midfield craft. His astute, all round play in the middle of the field was one of the major reasons for Newcastle being so close to the top of the Second Division for most of the last season. He still fancies another two or three years in this company, too, although he says it's getting harder each year because of the tremendous amount of running all midfield players are expected to do.

"You have to compete all the time," he continues. "It's more strenuous nowadays being in that position than it used to be. The game is faster and more physical."

Brother Ken may have gained two League Cup Winners medals now, but don't get the impression that he is the only success merchant in the Hibbitt family.

Terry has a European Fairs Cup winners medal from his days with Leeds and a League Cup winners medal with the same club.

Although he may be approaching the climax of his own career, Terry still plans some more success before he finally leaves the game as a player. And as he happens to be one of the most astute observers don't be surprised if he ends up as a successful manager.

*Terry Hibbitt seeks a return to the First Division with Newcastle.*

but he made up his mind to fight his way back — and he did this to such good effect that he was voted Player of the Year by the Wolves' supporters.

"It was at the beginning of last season that I felt the side was really developing, and that we needed only a little extra strength in a couple of spots to compete successfully against any team in the League. As I said, we got players to make us a more complete squad, and most important, John Barnwell and Richie Barker were always ready to jump on us if there was any sign of slacking.

"Now, when I walk into Molineux, I sense a smell of success about the place. The League Cup helped in this respect, and bolstered the morale of everybody, including the young players, to the extent that I'm tipping us to be up among the leaders in the First Division next May.

## 'Ambition'

"I reckon we'll see the best of Andy Gray in the next few months in his partnership with John Richards, and my ambition is to see Wolves challenge strongly for the title. Liverpool, as usual, will be very much involved in the Championship race, but I won't be surprised if Nottingham Forest finish above them. Forest won the European Cup after coming through a rough spell, and I think that as long as Brian Clough is their manager, they will be a power in the League."

While Hibbitt is looking forward to Wolves regaining their old position as one of Britain's leading clubs, he considers that their participation in Europe next season gives the club an extra opportunity to improve its status.

"Richie Barker made several

*Brother Kenny seeks to make a big impression in Europe with Wolves.*





# TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Bob Stokoe resigned as manager of which Fourth Division club recently?

2. Can you name the two players who did not appear for England in any of their European Championship games in Italy?

3. True or false? West Ham's Stuart Pearson began his League career with Hull City before moving to Manchester United and then on to Upton Park?

4. Which clubs play at the following grounds ... (a) Annfield Park, (b) Fellows Park, (c) Springfield Park and (d) East End Park?

5. Study the action photograph (right), taken during Crystal Palace's First Division game with Brighton last season, and see if you can answer the following questions. (a) Can you identify the two players, (b) where was the game played and (c) what was the final result?

6. This player began his League career with Southport before moving to Barrow, Arcadia Shepherds (South Africa), Wolves, Birmingham, Nottingham Forest and Newcastle. During the close-season he was once again transferred, this time to a First Division club. Can you identify him and his new side?

7. Scotland's most capped player, Kenny Dalglish, made his full international debut against Belgium, Holland or Denmark as a substitute?



8. Select the midfielder player from the following ... Kenny Swain (Aston Villa), Frankie Gray (Nottingham Forest) or Alan Curbishley (Birmingham City).

9. Who captained Ipswich Town to their 1-0 F.A. Cup Final win against Arsenal in 1978 at Wembley?

10. Asa Hartford, Everton's talented Scottish international, has played for three other League clubs ... can you name them?

11. Which British club were the first to win the European Cup-Winners' Cup and in which season?

12. Do you know the Christian names of (a) Hawley (Sunderland), (b) Hoadley (Norwich) and (c) Latchford (Celtic)?

13. Which of these clubs has never played in the First Division — Huddersfield Town, Hull City or Grimsby Town?

14. Study this team photograph (above), taken during the 1962-63 season, and see if you can identify the current First Division manager and name his club?

15. Only two clubs in the Football League remained unbeaten at home during last season. Liverpool were one ... can you name the other?



## ANSWERS:

1. Rochdale. 2. Joe Corrigan and Emlyn Hughes. 3. True. 4. (a) Stirling Albion, (b) Wigan Athletic, (c) Dunfermline, (d) Palace. 5. (a) Paul Hinshelwood (white shirt) and Brighton's Neil McNab, (b) Selhurst Park, home of Palace, (c) 1-1 draw. 6. Aston Villa's Peter Withe. 7. Belgium. 8. Alan Curbishley. 9. Mick Mills. 10. West Brom, Manchester City and Nottingham Forest. 11. Spurs in 1962/63. 12. (a) John, (b) Phil, (c) Peter. 13. Hull. 14. Ipswich's Bobby Robson (front row, second left). 15. Sunderland.

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# 'ARDILES SHOCKS DEFENCES'

declares Spurs skipper  
STEVE PERRYMAN

**J**OINING Spurs as a wide-eyed apprentice in 1967, Steve Perryman found himself surrounded by top internationals. He was a keen youngster eager to learn and Tottenham's established stars were only too happy to help.

"I think most players like to do coaching, when they're asked," says Steve.

"Some help you by what they say. Mike England was like that. He'd always find time to talk to me about how I could improve my game. Others impress you with their attitude. For me, Pat Jennings was the best at setting a good example. He was the perfect professional.

"I think professionals have got a responsibility to the younger fans," said Steve. "I see a fair amount of schoolboy football and it's obvious some of the kids are copying things they've seen on television. Some good, some bad. So, players should try to put over the good things in the game, when they can.

## 'Problems'

"Obviously taking dives and getting your fellow professionals booked is one of the biggest problems. Then you get times when a player goes down with an injury and makes it look far worse than it really is.

"But the most common problem, and one of the things lots of youngsters copy, is the arguing that goes on every time the referee makes a decision.

"I enjoy watching rugby and I like to see the respect the referee is given. I wish our game was the same, but we're a long way short of that at the moment."

One of soccer's great delights is seeing a team play with style and flair. White Hart Lane fans had their share of entertainment last season, as Spurs established a reputation as one of the country's most inventive teams. Those talented Argentinians, Ardiles and Villa, have obviously made a major contribution.

"It's tremendous having them in the side," Steve agreed. "I like their attitude

to the game. They're never afraid to take their man on. If they're faced with two defenders, they don't automatically lay the ball off. If there's a gap, they accelerate and go for it. I love that direct Argentinian style; it certainly takes a lot of defenders by surprise.

"We've learnt from them and I think they've learnt too. They're both better players now than when they first joined Tottenham."

Another gifted midfielder star, Glenn Hoddle, is also rated highly by Steve.

"Let me put it this way. I enjoy having a chat with some of the old-time Spurs supporters and they love telling me about the great players they've seen at White Hart Lane. But if any of those old



stars had more skill than Glenn, they must have been brilliant players."

Steve is currently starring in the Spurs back-four, but many of his 400 games for the club were in midfield. Does he ever get frustrated by being at the back?

"No, because I do have the freedom to break with the forwards," he replied. "I wouldn't be interested in playing out my days in the back-four and never crossing the halfway line. I enjoy moving forward, maybe three or four times in a game. When I make a sudden break with the ball, it's a surprise to the other team. I like to keep them guessing!"

Obviously, Steve has had a marvellous career. He has won two League Cup Finals, as well as reaching two U.E.F.A. Cup Finals and pocketing a winners' medal in 1972. He reached another milestone last season when, in the F.A. Cup replay against Swindon, he made his 200th consecutive appearance. But his happiest memories go right back to his early days with the club.

"I remember making my debut against Sunderland in September, 1969," Steve smiled. "Running out as a first team player at White Hart Lane was quite a moment. I'll never forget it."



Osvaldo Ardiles has brought flair and attacking ideas from Argentina to White Hart Lane.

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# 'WE ARE THE

## FIRST DIVISION

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A Pts
Liverpool	42	15	6	0	46	8	10	4	7	35 22 60
Man Utd	42	17	3	1	43	8	7	7	7	22 27 58
Ipswich	42	14	4	3	43	13	8	5	8	25 26 53



Alan Kennedy shrugs off a challenge from Ipswich striker Paul Mariner.

## Liverpool chasing title hat-trick

LIVERPOOL'S reign as First Division Champions won't be ended during the 1980-81 season. That's the prediction from full-back Alan Kennedy.

"Bob Paisley is always one step ahead of the rest," says the former Newcastle United defender.

"His record since he took over from Bill Shankly in 1974 proves that point. He has managed to buy players at the right time and keep the rest of the squad on their toes.

"That's why I am convinced we will go down in the annals of soccer history as one of the few clubs to achieve the coveted treble of League Championship wins."

How does Alan see the challenge of other clubs, remembering how Manchester United pushed them so close last season?

"They will obviously be a serious threat," reflects Kennedy. "I can also see the familiar group of Nottingham Forest, Ipswich Town and Arsenal trying hard to prise that crown away.

"Apart from the four clubs mentioned it will be pretty well the same as 1979-80.

"I believe it is a good thing for the English game that we don't quite have it all our own way.

"Take last season for instance. We were heavily fancied for both

the League Cup and F.A. tournaments.

"But what happened? We lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the League Cup Semi-Finals, after conceding two penalties, and in the F.A. Cup we again reached the Semi-Finals."

The League Cup was certainly a disappointment but the shock of elimination from the F.A. Cup was an even harder pill to swallow.

"I can accept defeat," says Alan. "If we've played badly. But during the four games with Arsenal I was convinced we would eventually go through to the Final."

## Premier

This coming season, Liverpool have a great chance to put things right and they start with the premier competition in Europe... the European Cup.

Says Kennedy: "We are determined to stop the rot of two consecutive First Round knock-outs.

"We also want to gain revenge and stop Nottingham Forest's dominance in the tournament.

"After last season's ups and downs, I am sure the forthcoming campaign will be just as exciting and rewarding for both the club and myself."

## SECOND DIVISION

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A Pts
Leicester	42	12	5	4	32	19	9	8	4	26 19 55
Sunderland	42	16	5	0	47	13	5	7	9	22 29 54
Birmingham	42	14	5	2	37	16	7	6	8	21 22 53

## A stronger Leicester

ONCE again the Second Division promotion race proved to be the toughest and most fiercely competitive throughout the Football League last season, and it was not until the final Saturday that Leicester City were confirmed as Champions.

Larry May, the young centre-half who emerged as one of the most exciting talents in the country during that Championship campaign, admits: "Our first objective was simply to gain promotion, but as the season wore on we all got a little greedy and decided that we wanted the Championship as well.

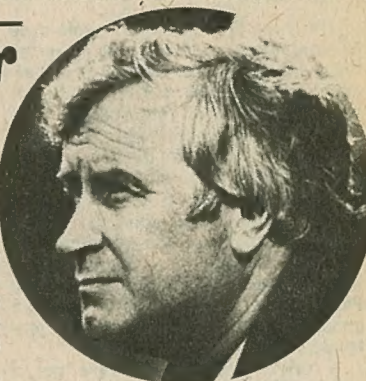
"All the teams who were involved at the top knew it was going to be very close at the final reckoning, but we just kept battling."

## 'Crucial'

"I suppose what helped was that a lot of teams wrote us off. Our best performances of the season were against Chelsea and Birmingham — two really crucial games which had a great bearing on the final table."

A season of struggle against relegation is predicted for the three promoted clubs, but May insists: "We will be looking to be right up there at the top. Just playing to avoid the drop is not for us.

"I hesitate to pick out any outstanding player last season, but I must say that Eddie Kelly played



really well. We have a very young team at Leicester, and now he has gone to Notts County we are obviously going to miss Eddie's experience of the First Division.

"But I do not think we will be too green for the First Division. Speaking from personal experience, I already feel more mature with just one successful season behind me, and if we continue to do well our confidence will keep growing."

Leicester manager Jock Wallace has already started to strengthen his squad for the new season with the signing of Jim Melrose from Partick and May admits he is beginning to feel a little isolated surrounded by so many Scotsmen at Filbert Street.

Yet for all Wallace's obvious admiration of the qualities of his fellow countrymen, he has nevertheless been canvassing the name of May for England international honours.

"I would like to think that playing in the First Division will help me to gain a little more recognition," May continued.

"There is always room for improvement in my game, and if I can continue to make progress I think I could one day do a job for the international set-up."

Leicester boss Jock Wallace (top) believes Larry May (left) to be the best young defender in the country.





# CHAMPIONS'

## THIRD DIVISION

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Grimsby	46	18	2	3	46 16	8	8	7	27	26	62
Blackburn	46	13	5	5	34 17	12	4	7	24	19	59
Sheffield Wed	46	12	6	5	44 20	9	10	4	37	27	58



Bob Cumming (stripes) helps Grimsby towards the Third Division title with this goal against Chesterfield.

## No longer GRIMsby

FROM the Fourth to the Second Division in successive seasons — that's the remarkable story of Third Division Champions Grimsby Town.

"We've moved forward quickly," says team boss George Kerr. "The whole town has been buzzing with our achievements, and I'm absolutely delighted for all the players and supporters."

"In every sense of the word 1979-80 was a champagne season, as the team progressed from the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup to the unforgettable trip to Liverpool in the F.A. Cup and our ultimate goal of promotion."

Kerr, 37, and a manager of outstanding quality, has already heard it said that the present side is not good enough to make its mark on the Second Division.

### 'Class'

"My answer to the people who say that is, well, they were uttering the same thing when we came from the Fourth to the Third. But we knuckled down to it."

"People have also told me I'll have to sign some class players, but we've already got those in abundance at Blundell Park. It depends on the definition. To me class means players who have the courage and guts to fight for one another."

"If we can make that work for us in the Second Division as we have done in the Third and Fourth, then I think we'll do very well."

Kerr won't be drawn into making outrageous predictions. However, he does admit that he did wonder if the side would be good enough when it came out of the Fourth Division.

"Kevin Kilmore and John Stone were added to the small squad that we had," he says. "Both have

adapted to the ways of the club and have played a prominent part in our promotion run."

"The players who have been here for some time have also done a wonderful job, and together we've formed a very strong and competent team. The average age is only 23."

"People scoffed at me a few months ago when I was telling them how much the present Grimsby side was worth in terms of hard cash, but not any more."

"We've had free transfer men who have come good. There are also the players who have performed at First Division level for various clubs and have slipped down the path a little, but have put themselves back on the road."

"We've a thriving commercial organisation and a town to back it up. I can turn down £300,000 without any trouble at all."

"I hate the word 'consolidation'. That and 'character' should be struck from the footballing vocabulary. When you talk about consolidation you tend to be speaking about stopping where you are, and that's a very dangerous thing to do in football. You've got to look to push forward both on and off the field. Certainly that will be my attitude to the next campaign."

"Winning the Championship has brought added pride to the town of Grimsby. Blackburn and Sheffield Wednesday have come up with us and it's debatable whether either of them are better sides. That's been the strength of the League. It's been close and tight throughout."

"When you arrive at Grimsby you can feel the tremendous community spirit that exists. The pleasing aspect for me is that I know from letters received that the club has helped to promote that feeling."

## FOURTH DIVISION

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Huddersfield	46	16	5	2	61 18	11	7	5	40	30	66
Walsall	46	12	9	2	43 23	11	9	3	32	24	64
Newport	46	16	5	2	47 22	11	2	10	36	28	61

## Snappy Terriers

ALTHOUGH Huddersfield Town didn't clinch promotion to the Third Division until the final month of the season, manager Mick Buxton reckons that the real impetus for success happened as long ago as last September.

That was the Tuesday night that Grimsby Town went to Leeds Road and walloped The Terriers 4-1 in the League Cup.

Buxton recalls: "Surprisingly that set back did me and the lads a world of good, it was a blessing in disguise even though I felt sick with disappointment at the time."

"Grimsby did all the right things — they worked like Trojans, put people under pressure, created chances, got men into the penalty-area, things that I'd been trying to get my lads to do."

"Afterwards, instead of cheering my players up by making excuses for our defeat, I pointed out that we could learn from that shattering experience."

### Intelligent

The history of the 1979-80 campaign shows how effectively Town learned their lesson. Under the 36-year-old Buxton's intelligent, enthusiastic leadership they lost only seven more games up to April 23, including an F.A. Cup tie, and became the League's most prolific scorers with 101 goals.

Their often exciting, entertaining brand of soccer, allied to rugged defensive work, made them a team to be feared. And as the winter wore on the fans showed signs of responding to the manager's plea for support.

Buxton, a former Burnley and Halifax Town defender who joined The Terriers as chief coach from Southend in 1977, has worked wonders in his first full season.

After steering them to ninth in the table in the first few months of his reign, he bought wisely and by a mixture of cajoling and straight-



Mick Buxton.

talking he welded a squad of average players into a smooth-functioning unit.

But this happy Wearsider, who will forgive many deficiencies provided a player gives 100 per cent effort, pays tribute to the way his men kept collecting goals throughout the season.

Until an unaccountable loss of form in mid-season after scoring 16 goals, Peter Fletcher formed a lethal partnership with Ian Robins. Then young Doncaster-born midfielder David Cowling (20) began hitting the target.

But Buxton, anxious for more pace and strength up-front, paid £50,000 just before Christmas for Burnley's Steve Kindon. And the man to make way for the ex-Wolves winger was Fletcher, much to the annoyance of a section of the Leeds Road crowd.

The manager, who forecasts a bright future for Cowling, remained loyal to the youngster and insisted on keeping him in the first team squad even after eventually recalling Fletcher.

No wonder team spirit is second to none at Leeds Road. That's one big reason why the first step towards climbing back to the First Division after the horrifying drop through the League starting eight years ago has been accomplished.

Peter Fletcher (stripes) scores for Huddersfield at Aldershot.





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# GARY GILLESPIE

## Coventry City

**FULL NAME:** Gary Thompson Gillespie  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Bonnybridge, Scotland  
**BIRTHDATE:** July 5, 1960  
**HEIGHT:** 6ft 2½ins  
**WEIGHT:** 12st 3lbs  
**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Falkirk  
**MARRIED:** I married Susan last month  
**CAR:** None  
**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:** Falkirk Herald  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Kenny Dalglish  
**MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE:** Paul Dyson  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Celtic  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** Pele  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Golf, cricket  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** I have many  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** My debut for Coventry at Middlesbrough  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Missing a Scottish Youth trip to Poland for the Little World Cup  
**FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:** Liverpool  
**FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK:** My Sunday dinner and tea  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES:** Most sports, winning, eating out/Smoking, ignorant people  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** Palma Nova, Majorca  
**FAVOURITE T.V. STARS, MALE AND FEMALE:** Clint Eastwood, Michael Caine/Jane Fonda, Sophia Loren  
**FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF:** Sleeping  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Eagles, Neil Diamond, Don Williams  
**AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE:** Go out with Susan for a nice evening  
**BEST FRIEND:** I hope I have many  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** John Binnie, coach at Falkirk, and Ron Wylie, who has helped me become a First Division player  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Scottish Youth and Under-21 caps  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To have a good family life and to have security for my family  
**IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO?** Bank manager  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** Billy Connolly

*Gary Gillespie*

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